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## GAMBIT

THAT'S  
FUNNY...

... DOESN'T  
HURT A  
BIT.

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**GAMBIT!**

HER NAME IS MARROW. SHE'S A MEMBER OF THE OUTLAW MUTANT GROUP, THE X-MEN.

HER BODY GENERATES BONE EXTENSIONS THAT CAN BE REMOVED AND USED AS WEAPONS.

THAT'S HER HANDWORK STICKING OUT OF REMY LOBEAU'S CHEST.

COMPUTER --  
END PROGRAM!

THE MANHATTAN SUBWAY TUNNELS DISAPPEAR, REVEALING THE HOLOGRAPHIC GRID OF THE MANSION'S DANGER ROOM --

-- WHERE THE X-MEN HONE THE USE OF THEIR MUTANT ABILITIES.



YOU JUMPED --  
I THOUGHT YOU'D DUCK --  
YOU --  
I --  
-- WHY AREN'T YOU BLEEDING?



BEATS ME.

BONE'S STARTIN' T' GLOW --  
I MUST BE CHANNELIN' A BIOKINETIC CHARGE INTO IT...

BUT WOULDN'T THAT MEAN --

**SSSS**



-- BLOW UP!

YAH, THAT IT'S GONNA --





THE WOUND IS SEALED?  
HOW

Y'GUSS  
IS AS GOOD  
AS MINE,  
CHERE.

INDEED,  
REMY? THEN  
PERHAPS



... WE SHOULD AVOID GUESSING  
AND ARRIVE AT SOME  
CONCRETE SCIENTIFIC  
EXPLANATION?

PROFESSOR CHARLES XAVIER,  
GREATEST MUTANT TELEPATH  
ON EARTH, RUNS THE X-MEN,  
OWNS THE MANSION. HATES  
FOOTING REPAIR BILLS.



PROFESSOR? HE -- WE  
WERE SPARRING -- I  
DIDN'T MEAN  
TO --

S'OKAY,  
SARAH, HE  
KNOWS.

WOULD  
YOU CARE FOR  
ME TO CONTACT  
HANK MCCOY TO  
PERFORM SOME  
DIAGNOSTIC  
EVALUATIONS  
ON YOU?





NON, PROFESSOR, WHAS' THE BIG DEAL?

JUS' A MATTER OF LEARNIN' HOW TO USE MY POWERS T' THE FULLEST, RIGHT?

THAT IS WHAT WE'RE HERE FOR, NEST-CE PAST?



DON'T LOOK AT ME, I'M JUST STARTING TO FIGURE OUT HOW MY POWERS REALLY WORK.

XAVIER SAYS NOTHING. MORE STOIC THAN USUAL, MARROW THINKS AS SHE LEAVES.

ALTHOUGH "STOIC" MIGHT NOT HAVE BEEN HER EXACT THOUGHT.

HE'S BEEN EVEN... TIGHTER THAN USUAL AFTER THEIR RECENT TRIP TO THE SKRULL HOMELAND.

MORE TENSE (IF THAT WERE POSSIBLE)...

BUT HIS EYES LOOK LIKE THEY SUSPECT EVEN MORE THAN HIS SILENCE WOULD INDICATE.



MOIRA.

CHARLES?

SORRY FOR THE LATE CALL. IT'S ABOUT --



"... REMY ..."

MY LITTLE GREEN GHOST.

HAD T'BE.



EH?  
Oh, hey.



HEARD  
WHAT  
HAPPENED.

MARROW'S  
GOT A BIG  
MOUTH.

SHE  
CARES ABOUT  
YOU, REMY.  
WE ALL DO,  
Y'KNOW.

ROGUE IS A FELLOW  
X-MAN. THEY ARE  
IN LOVE. THEY CAN'T  
DO MUCH ABOUT IT.

WITH A TOUCH, SHE CAN ABSORB A  
PERSON'S POWERS AND MEMORIES...

"TILL DEATH DO  
THEM PART."

CAME T'THE  
BOATHOUSE T'TALK --  
IN PRIVATE -- IF  
YOU WANT.

AND I  
KNOW THAT  
EVER SINCE Y'CAMÉ  
BACK FROM -- TO --  
THE X-MEN, SOMETHIN'  
BEEN... WRONG...

HAVE TROUBLE EVEN SAYIN'  
IT, DONTCHA, ROGUE?  
"FROM ANTARCTICA,  
WHERE WE LEFT  
YOU."

OLD  
PATTERN,  
REMY. PICK A  
FIGHT TO AVOID  
TALKIN'. TIME WAS,  
AH WOULD' FELL  
FOR IT.

NOT ANY  
MORE.

AH  
SAW... IT --  
TWICE  
NOW --

-- WHATEVER  
IT IS -- SOME WEIRD  
GREEN ENERGY  
COMIN' OUTTA  
YOU --

YOU  
COMIN'  
CLEAN ON  
THIS, OR  
WHAT?

FINE,  
IF THAT'S  
HOW YOU  
WANT  
IT...

NOT  
HOW I WANT  
IT, THERE... BUT  
I GOT NO  
CHOICE...





LATER

FILE  
TRANSFER  
COMPLETE.

MOIRA MACTAGGERT  
IS ONE OF THE WORLD'S  
PREMINENT BIOGENETICISTS.

BUT XAVIER STILL CHECKS  
HER FINDINGS OVER, TWICE.

HER COMPARATIVE  
ANALYSIS IS CORRECT.



THE BORTHOUSE.

DOWNTIME IS RARE  
FOR THE X-MEN, SO IS  
PRIVACY, TONIGHT, REMY  
HAD HOPED FOR BOTH...

RIGHT  
IN THE MIDDLE  
OF A BUFFY  
MARATHON,  
TOO...

VCR ON  
PAUSE,  
CALL HIM  
OPTIMISTIC.

KNOCK  
KNOCK



THIS  
END  
UP



PROF.



REMY,  
WE  
HAVE TO  
TALK.

HE SHOULD'VE  
JUST STOPPED  
THE TRPE.



I JUST FINISHED REVIEWING A COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF YOUR MUTAGENIC BIOSIGNATURE I ASKED DR. MACHTHIGERT TO PERFORM FOR ME.

SEE, THAT'S WHY I PREFER ORIGINAL STAR TREK TO NEXT GEN --

-- LESS TECHNICAL.



AFTER THE DISCUSSIONS WE HAVE RECENTLY HAD...

... AFTER ALL THE PAIN AND HARSHNESS YOUR... SELECTIVE TRUTH-TELLING HAS CAUSED US ALL...

-- ESPECIALLY YOURSELF --

THE POINT IS COMING



SINCE OUR RETURN FROM THE SKRULL HOMELAND, I HAVE BEEN UNDER SOME... PRESSURE, SONNY.

I HAVE VERY VALID REASONS FOR NOT WANTING ANY OF MY WOMEN TO HARBOR ANY... SECRETS.



SECRETS FROM THE "WORLD'S GREATEST TELEPATH"?

YOU KNOW -- AND I IMAGINE ENJOY -- THE FACT THAT THE VERY NATURE OF YOUR BIOKINETIC POWERS --



-- MAKES IT DIFFICULT FOR ME TO EVEN MIND-LINK WITH YOU, WHICH WOULD PERFORM A WHOLESALE TELEPATHIC SCAN.

YES... BUT...



LIKE TRYIN' THO'D A SHARK DIPPED IN ON. YOU ONCE SAID.



... I... CAN...

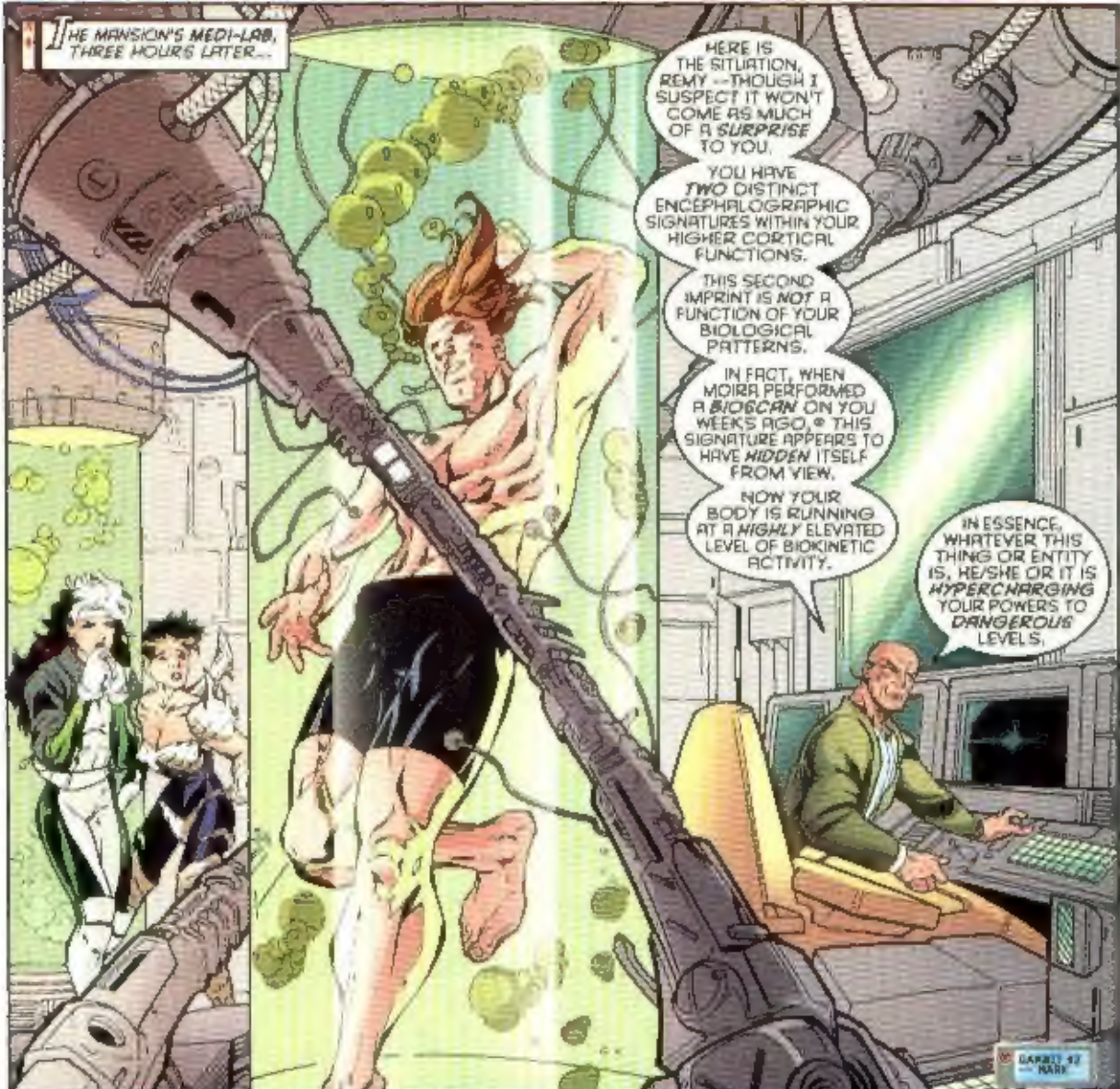
... DO...

... IT... AT GREAT DISCOMFORT TO US BOTH. SO...

... ARE YOU GOING TO TELL ME WHAT IT IS YOU HAVE INSIDE OF YOU THE EASY WAY OR THE HARD WAY...?



THE MANSION'S MEDI-LAB,  
THREE HOURS LATER...



HERE IS THE SITUATION, REMY --THOUGH I SUSPECT IT WON'T COME AS MUCH OF A SURPRISE TO YOU.

YOU HAVE TWO DISTINCT ENCEPHALOGRAPHIC SIGNATURES WITHIN YOUR HIGHER CORTICAL FUNCTIONS.

THIS SECOND IMPRINT IS NOT A FUNCTION OF YOUR BIOLOGICAL PATTERNS.

IN FACT, WHEN MOIRA PERFORMED A BIOSCAN ON YOU WEEKS AGO, THIS SIGNATURE APPEARS TO HAVE HIDDEN ITSELF FROM VIEW.

NOW YOUR BODY IS RUNNING AT A HIGHLY ELEVATED LEVEL OF BIOKINETIC ACTIVITY.

IN ESSENCE, WHATEVER THIS THING OR ENTITY IS, HE/SHE OR IT IS HYPERCHARGING YOUR POWERS TO DANGEROUS LEVELS.

GUARDIAN #2  
MARK

ANY-THING TO ADD, MOIRA?

OTHER THAN NEEDING A POT OF GOOD STRONG COFFEE RIGHT ABOUT NOW?

IT IS DAWN IN SCOTLAND, YE KNOW.

I'M SORRY TO HAVE KEPT YOU UP ALL --

PUT A SOCK IN IT, CHARLES. I'M JUST TEASIN' YOU.





AND I AM LAUGHING.

ROGUE, IF YOU COULD EXPLAIN IN DETAIL WHAT YOU SAW...

DETAILS GONNA BE HARD T'COME BY, PROF. ALL THINGS CONSIDERED.



FIRST WAS FIGHTING CEREBRO. WE WERE IN A WARPED MINDSCAPE --

-- AN' I FELT -- I SAW -- REMY'S FEARS -- GREEN ENERGY SWIRLIN' CUTTA HIM. \*

SECOND TIME WAS WHEN REMY CAME T'RESCUE ME FROM X-CUTIONER --

-- THE SECURITY CAMERAS WENT ALL STATICKY --

-- RIGHT BEFORE THEY DID, I COULDA SWORN REMY HAD GREEN CIGARETTE SMOKE CURLY-CUIN' OUT OF HIM. \*

I DIDN' SAY ANYTHIN' 'CAUSE UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, I WASN'T SURE IF I REALLY SAW WHAT I THOUGHT I SAW.



\* ALL BUT TWO CAME IN UNEXPECTEDLY -- MARK



DESPITE UNDERSTANDING YOUR RETICENCE, ROGUE, I DO WISH YOU HAD MENTIONED IT TO ME.

YOU GOT ME DIGGIN', CHARLES, AND I FOUND A SECURITY TAPE I'M FORWARDIN' TO YOU FROM WHEN REMY WAS AT MUIR. \*



OR IT MIGHT BE THAT GREEN ENERGY SUCCUBUS INSIDE OF MEP

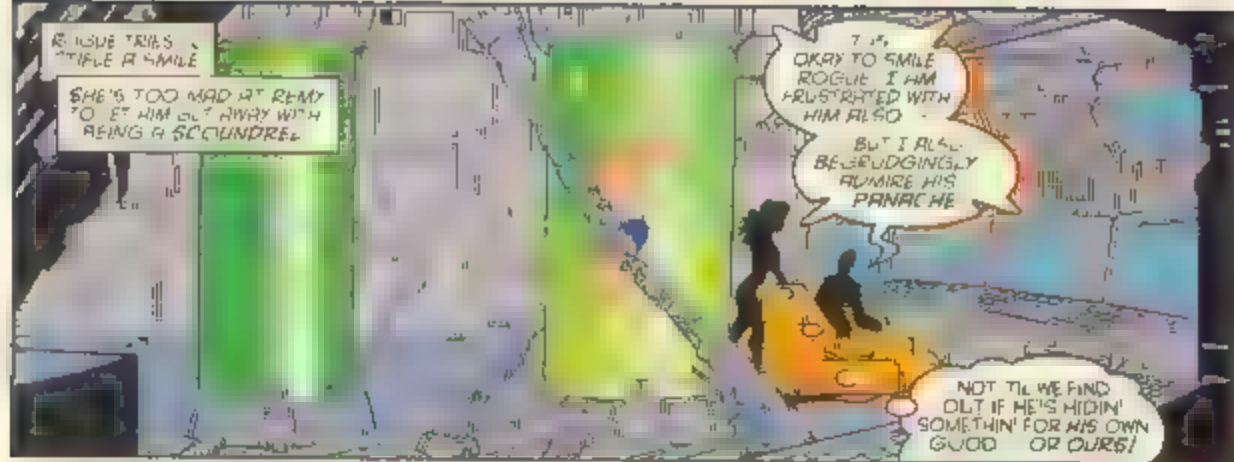
\* GANST 43 PAGE



WELL... TECHNICALLY HE DID TELL YOU...

MMPH.





REUSE THATS  
TITLE A SMILE

SHE'S TOO MAD AT Remy  
TO ET HIM OUT AWAY WITH  
BEING A SCOUNDREL

7.5  
OKAY TO SMILE  
ROGUE I AM  
FRUSTRATED WITH  
HIM ALSO

BUT I AL  
BEGRUDGINGLY  
ADMIRE HIS  
PANACHE

NOT TIL WE FIND  
OUT IF HE'S HIDIN'  
SOMETHIN' FOR HIS OWN  
GOOD OR OURS!



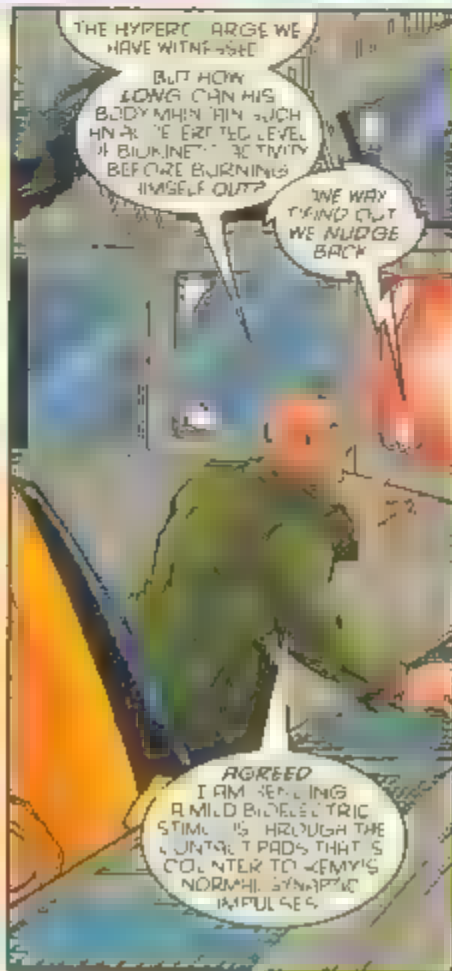
MUIRA,  
THOUGHTS

LEBEAU'S ENTIRE  
B. NATURE HAS  
CHANGED SINCE  
HE WAS HERE A FEW  
WEEKS A TO.  
CHARLES

NOT  
RADICALLY  
SUBTLE AS IF  
THE ENERGY WAVE  
LENGTH INSIDE  
OF HIM IS



NUDDING HIS  
NORMAL POWERS  
IN A SPECIFIC  
DIRECTION

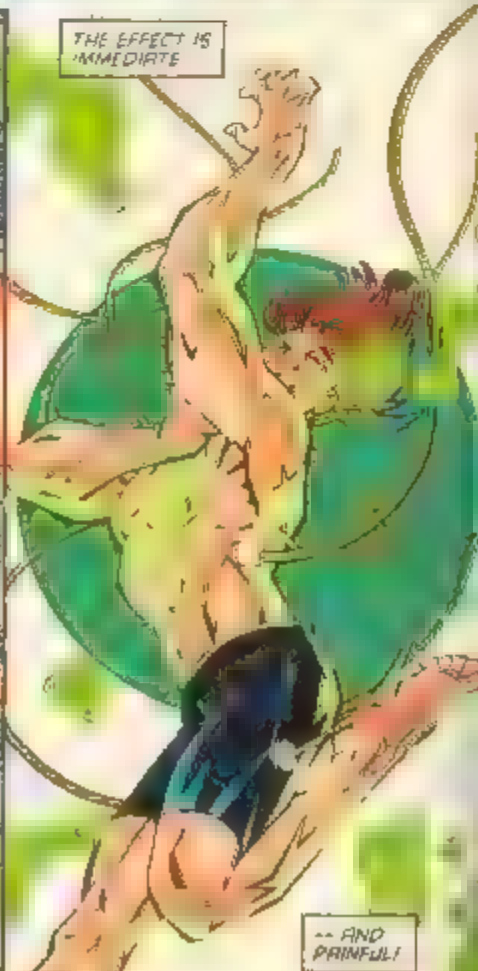


THE HYPERC ARGE WE  
HAVE WITH-SEE

BUT HOW  
LONG CAN HIS  
BODY WITH HIM SUCH  
HIGH "E-ERTED LEVEL  
A BLINKING" ACTIVITY  
BEFORE BURNING  
HIMSELF OUT?

THE WAY  
TAKING OUT  
WE NUDDGE  
BACK

AGREED  
I AM SENDING  
A MILD BIOELECTRIC  
STIMULUS THROUGH THE  
CONTACT PADS THAT'S  
COUNTER TO KEMMY'S  
NORMAL SYNAPTIC  
IMPULSES



THE EFFECT IS  
IMMEDIATE

-- AND  
PAINFUL!



HE'S  
CONVULSING --  
STOP WHAT YOU'RE  
DOING!

THE SOURCE  
OF THIS ENERGY  
MUST BE FOUND  
ROGUE

I COULD  
POSE A THREAT TO

A  
THREAT  
TO YOU ALL,  
XAVIER?

WAAAA

THAT  
HADN'T BEEN MY  
INTENTION.

THOUGH  
YOU WILL SEE  
I AM QUITE  
WILLING TO  
ADAPT

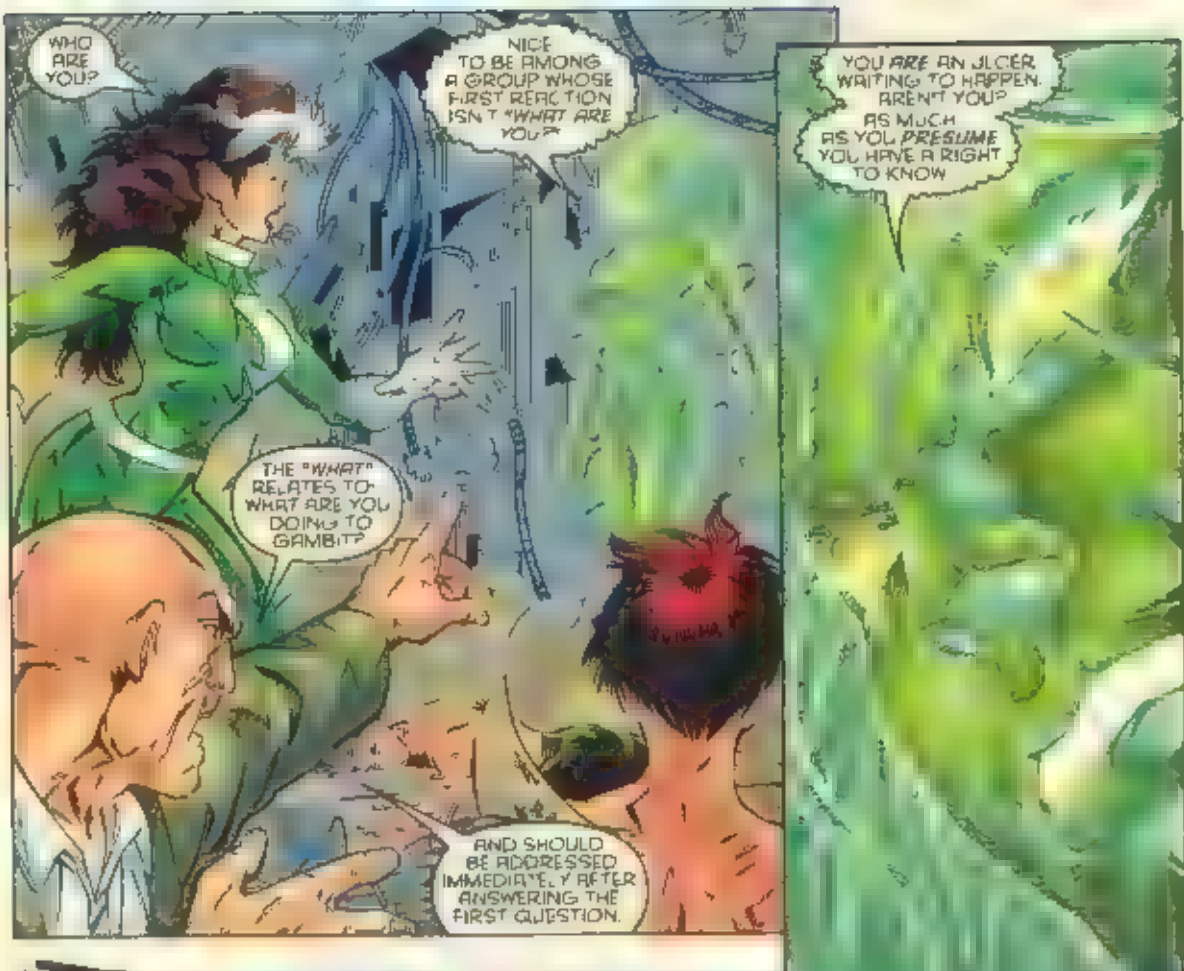
WINGG  
SHAP

KEEP  
THEM  
OUT  
OF THIS

OUCH  
WELL, AT  
LEAST  
THE HE/SHE OR IT  
HAS BEEN NARROWED  
DOWN TO TWO OUT  
OF THREE







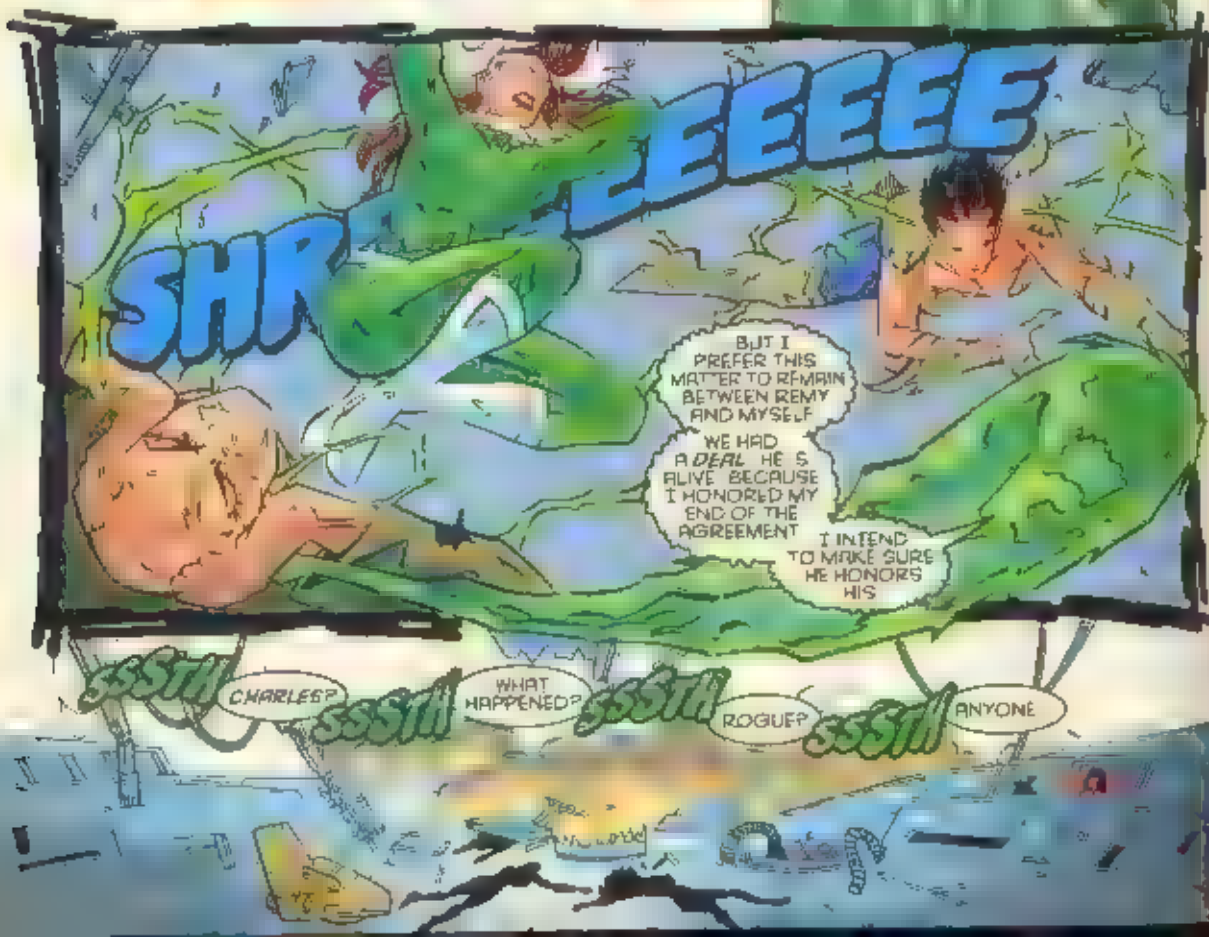
WHO ARE YOU?

NICE TO BE AMONG A GROUP WHOSE FIRST REACTION ISN'T "WHAT ARE YOU?"

YOU ARE AN ULCER WAITING TO HAPPEN. AREN'T YOU? AS MUCH AS YOU PRESUME YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO KNOW

THE "WHAT" RELATES TO WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO GAMBIT?

AND SHOULD BE ADDRESSED IMMEDIATELY AFTER ANSWERING THE FIRST QUESTION.



SHR EEEEE

BUT I PREFER THIS MATTER TO REMAIN BETWEEN REMY AND MYSELF

WE HAD A DEAL HE'S ALIVE BECAUSE I HONORED MY END OF THE AGREEMENT

I INTEND TO MAKE SURE HE HONORS HIS

SSSTH CHARLES?

SSSTH

WHAT HAPPENED?

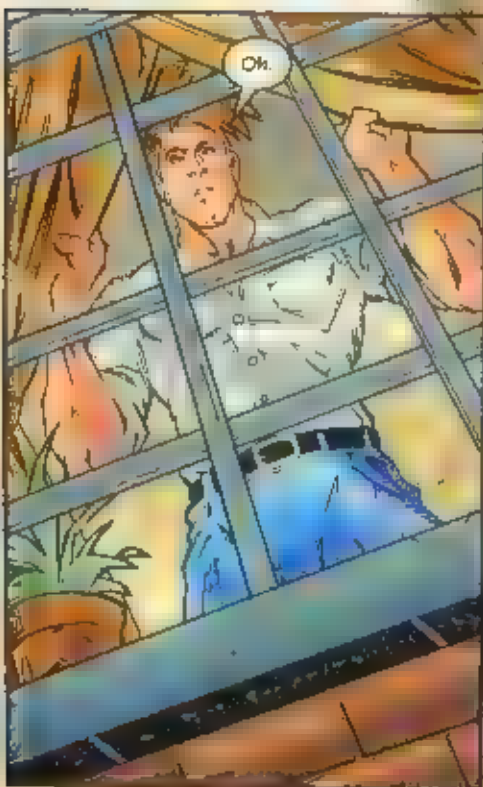
SSSTH

ROGUE?

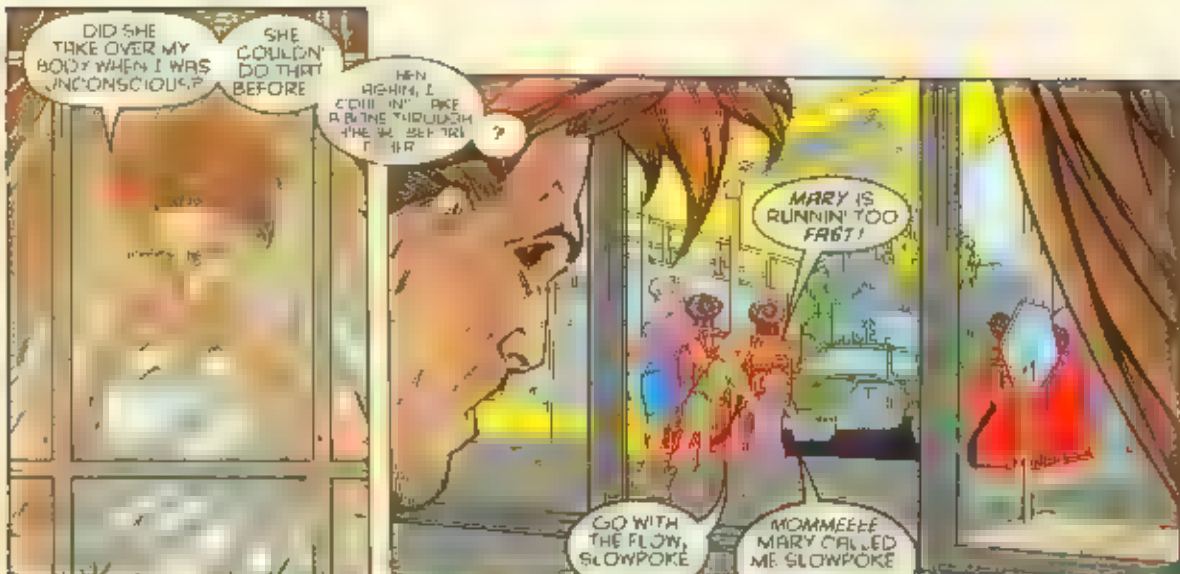
SSSTH

ANYONE













MEANWHILE  
AT XAVIER'S  
MANSION

OH MY  
STARS AND  
GARTERS

CHARLES?

HANK?

MACCOY THE BEAST  
FOUNDING MEMBER  
OF THE X-MEN  
FORMER AVENGER  
MICROBIOLOGIST

CURRENTLY IMMERSSED  
IN SEARCHING FOR A  
CURE TO THE LEGACY  
VIRUS THAT HAS  
RAVAGED MUTANTKIND

BREATHE  
SLOWLY,  
CHARLES.

MOIRA  
CALLED SHE  
KNEW I WAS AT  
YALE UNIVERSITY  
AND COULD ARRIVE  
MORE QUICKLY  
THAN THE  
OTHERS

SOMETHING ABOUT  
REMY HARBORING A  
SENTIENT ENERGY  
BEING?

OUCH

HARBORIN MIGHT  
NOT BE QUITE  
RIGHT, HANK.

HE MIGHT'VE HAD  
NO CHOICE IN THE  
MATTER, WE JUST  
DON'T KNOW  
YET

INDEED  
FROM THE  
TELEMETRY SCANS,  
SHE ATTACKED  
YOU FROM THE  
INSIDE 'OUT

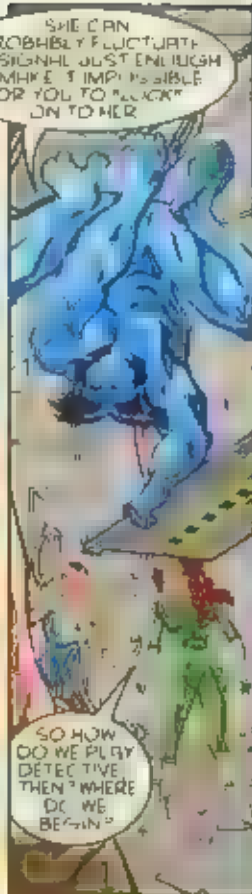
SHE  
APPEARS TO  
BE AN ENERGY  
WAVELENGTH  
COMPOSED ON A  
NEUROSYNAPTIC  
BANDWIDTH.

WHAT  
WE DO KNOW  
IS THE GREEN  
LADY PACKS  
QUITE A  
WALLOP!





AND EVEN HAVING IDENTIFIED HER COMPOSITION, SHE STILL ELUDES MY TELEPATHIC FEELERS



SHE CAN PROBABLY FLUCTUATE HER SIGNAL JUST ENOUGH TO MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU TO "LUCK" ON TO HER

SO HOW DO WE PLAY DETECTIVE THEN? WHERE DO WE BEGIN?



SHERLOCK HOLMES WOULD SAY "AT THE SCENE OF THE CRIME"

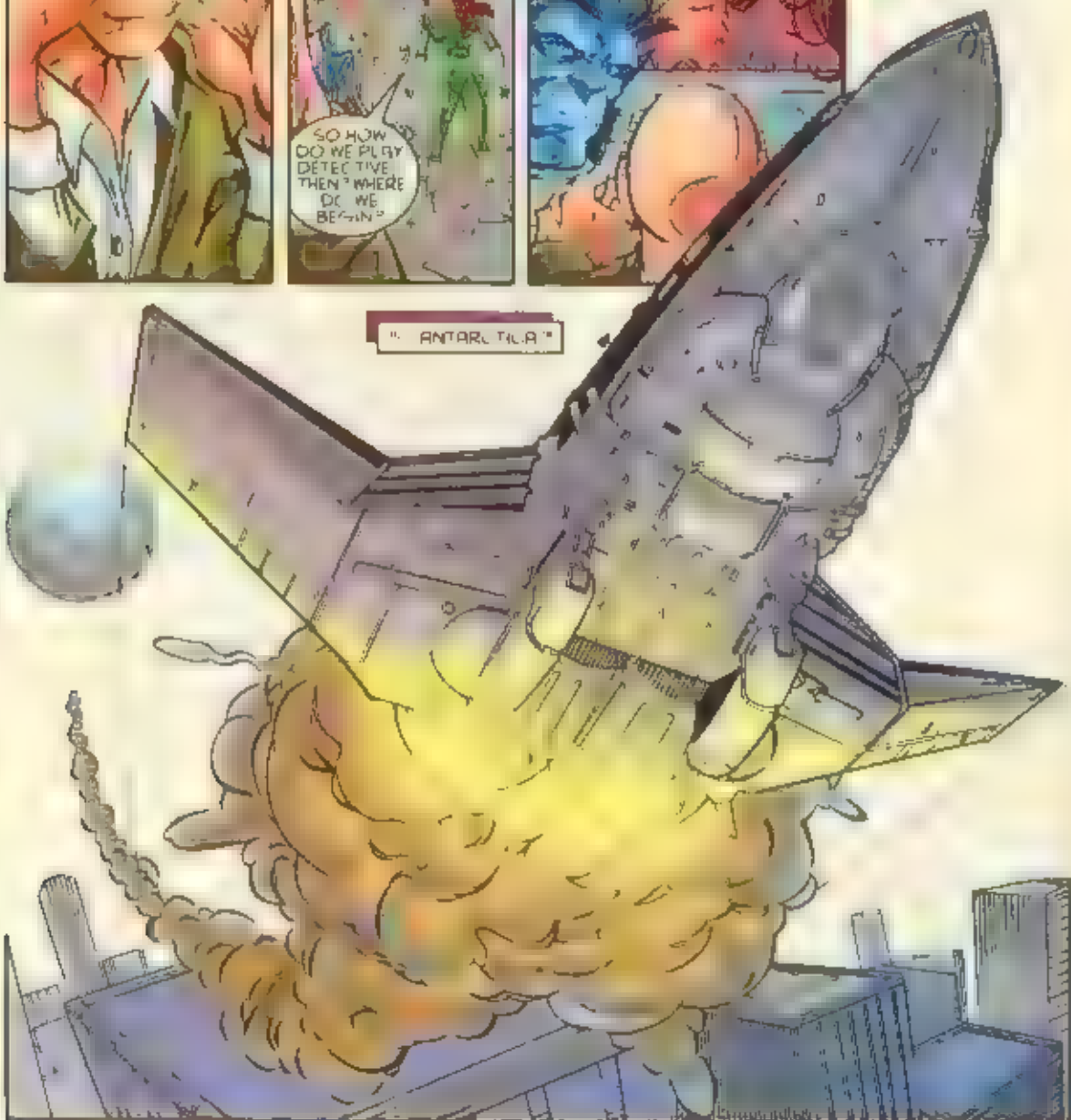
OH, HOW DO WE KNOW THAT'S WHERE HE PICKED UP THE GHOST GALP?

I MEAN... COULDA BEEN ANYWHERE RIGHT? YOU KNOW WHAT A GLOBEHOPPER OUR BOY REMY IS

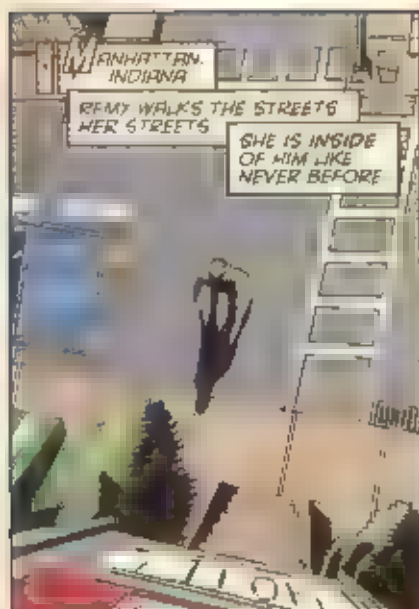
WHEN RULING OUT THE IMPROBABLE, ONLY THE OBVIOUS REMAINS

OH, C'MON. I DO NOT WANT TO GO BACK TO -

" ANTARCTICA "



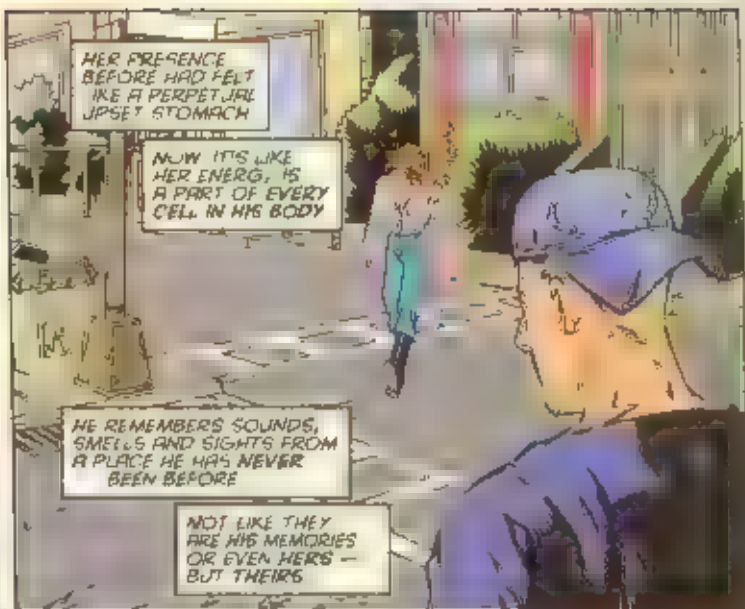




MANHATTAN,  
INDIANA

REMY WALKS THE STREETS  
HER STREETS

SHE IS INSIDE  
OF HIM LIKE  
NEVER BEFORE

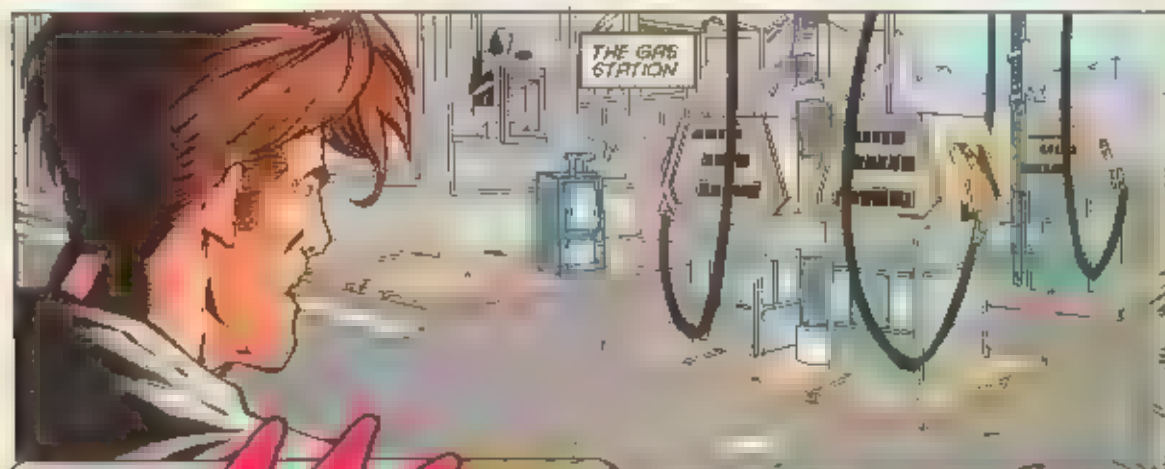


HER PRESENCE  
BEFORE HAD FELT  
LIKE A PERPETUAL  
UPSET STOMACH

NOW IT'S LIKE  
HER ENERGY, IS  
A PART OF EVERY  
CELL IN HIS BODY

HE REMEMBERS SOUNDS,  
SMELLS AND SIGHTS FROM  
A PLACE HE HAS NEVER  
BEEN BEFORE

NOT LIKE THEY  
ARE HIS MEMORIES  
OR EVEN HERS —  
BUT THEIRS



THE GAS  
STATION



WHERE SHE DIED?

NO, DOESN'T FEEL RIGHT

WHAT  
HAPPENED TO HER HERE?

HER A NAME COMES TO HIM

MARY PURCELL

HER ME



HE WAS RAISED  
A THIEF.

THAT MEANS THE  
ABILITY TO OBTAIN  
INFORMATION  
QUICKLY

THAT MEANS  
A TRIP TO THE  
LOCAL LIBRARY

HE KNEW THE  
DEWEY DECIMAL  
SYSTEM BACK  
TO FRONT BY  
THE TIME HE  
WAS SIX

HE EVEN KNEW  
WHO DEWEY WAS!

(THOUGH TO THIS  
DAY HE STILL CAN'T  
FIGURE OUT WHY  
HE BOTHERED )

NEWSPAPER  
ARCHIVES ON  
MICROFILM

THE MANHATTAN  
WEEKLY REGISTER  
FOURTEEN  
YEARS AGO

MANHATTAN WEEKLY REGISTER  
**GIRL KILLED IN  
CAR EXPLOSION**

MARY? OH, THAT WAS  
TRAGIC. I WENT TO  
SCHOOL WITH HER.  
WHY DID YOU FIND THAT  
OLD DIRT

I'M A  
RESEARCH  
ASSISTANT FOR A  
SCIENTIST LOOKING  
INTO UNDOCUMENTED  
INCIDENTS OF  
MUTANT ACTIVITY

MARY MIGHT  
HAVE BEEN A  
MUTANT? WOW.  
SHE DIDN'T  
LOOK LIKE  
ONE.

HOW  
SHOULD THEY  
LOOK?

I DON'T  
KNOW, TENTACLES  
RAY BEAMS OR  
SOME SUCH.

OR MAYBE RED  
EYES... OH, I'M  
A MUTANT ALL  
RIGHT. HAVE THE  
POWER TO LOOK INTO  
THE PRETTIEST  
GIRL IN EVERY  
TOWN.

THE ACLENT  
IS MINNESOTA  
AND FLAWLESS

COULD YOU HELP  
ME SOME  
MORE?

ASIGHT





BY THEN, SHE WOULD HAVE DUSTED EVERY BOOK IN THE LIBRARY IF HE HAD ASKED

THE INFO LEADS TO THE POLICE STATION

HE NEEDS TWENTY-FIVE SECONDS CLEAN ON THEIR SYSTEMS

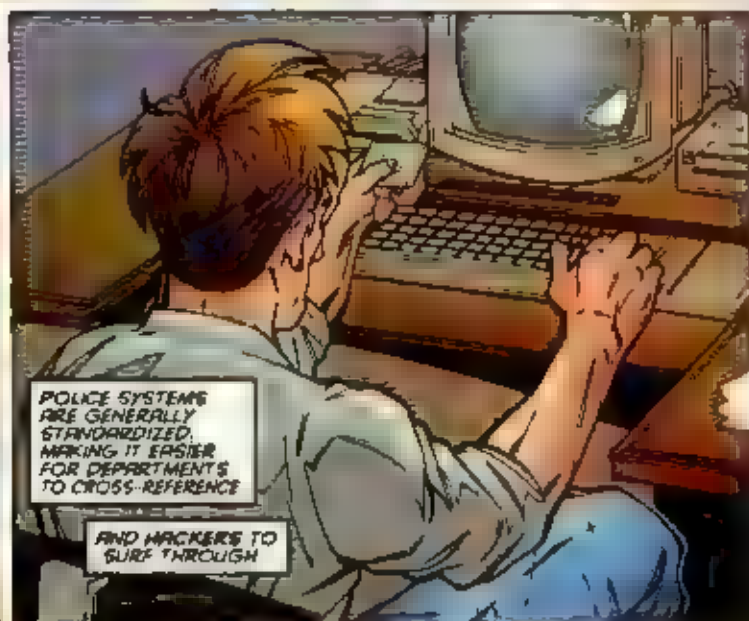
HOW TO DRAG THE DESK COP AWAY



OFFICER -- THERE'S SOME NAKED WOMAN SKIPPING DOWN MAIN STREET!

I THINK SHE MIGHT BE ON DRUGS OR SOMETHING

HEY, HE WOULD'VE FALLEN FOR IT, TOO

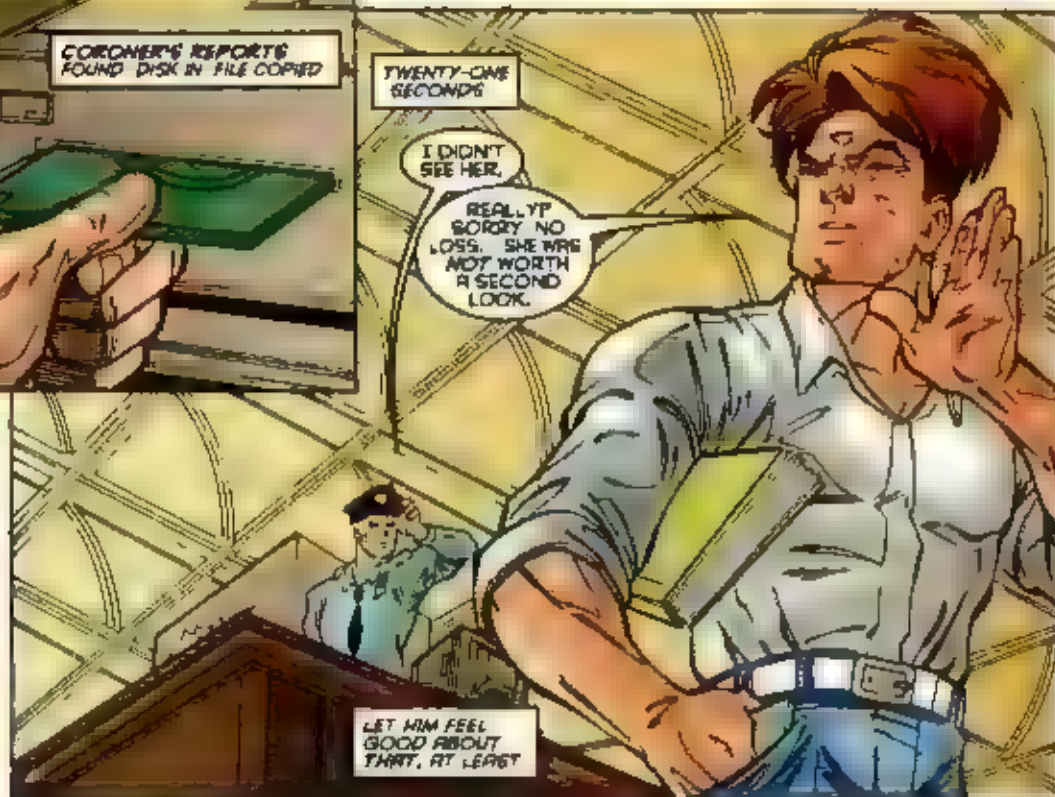


POLICE SYSTEMS ARE GENERALLY STANDARDIZED, MAKING IT EASIER FOR DEPARTMENTS TO CROSS-REFERENCE

AND HACKERS TO SURF THROUGH



CORONER'S REPORTS FOUND DISK IN FILE COPIED



TWENTY-ONE SECONDS

I DIDN'T SEE HER.

REALLY? SORRY NO LOSS. SHE WAS NOT WORTH A SECOND LOOK.

LET HIM FEEL GOOD ABOUT THAT, AT LEAST

PUT THE PIECES  
TOGETHER.

INFORMATION  
PLANS THE HEIST

REMY IS IN  
FULL THIEF-  
MODE NOW

HIS TARGET  
STEAL HIS  
LIFE BACK

MARY PURCELL, LOCAL GIRL, IN AND OUT OF  
HOSPITALS FROM AGES TWELVE TO FOURTEEN

IRREGULAR HEART BEAT SEIZURES BRAIN-  
SWELLING A PIZZA WITH THE WORKS

PARENTS DIVORCED WHEN SHE  
WAS FOURTEEN. HE COULDN'T  
STAND THE STRAIN OF HIS  
DAUGHTER'S "PROBLEMS."

FATHER DIED IN A DRUNK DRIVING ACCIDENT A YEAR  
AFTER HIS FALUT

MARY "DIED" SOON AFTER

CORONER AND THE COPS DISAGREED  
ON THE CAUSE OF DEATH.

HE WANTED  
IT LISTED AS  
"SPONTANEOUS  
COMBUSTION."

THEY WANTED TO  
CALL IT A FAULTY  
GAS LINE IN THE CAR

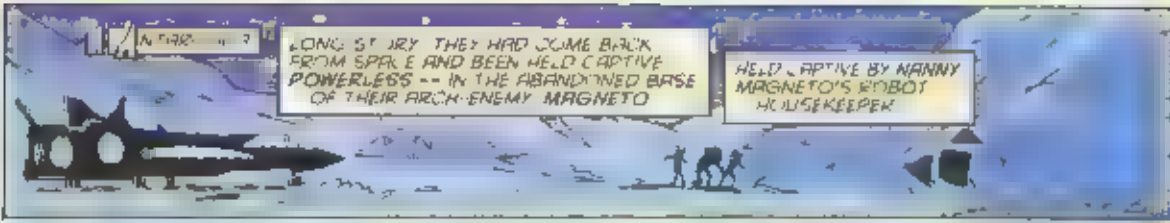
TO AVOID MAKING THE  
AP WIRE AND "LEONARD  
NIMOY GOES IN SEARCH  
OF FLAMING KIDS," THE  
OFFICIAL CAUSE WAS LISTED  
AS THE CAR EXPLOSION.

REMY KNOWS BETTER  
MARY'S MURDER POWERS  
HAD NICKED IN

THE MOTHER LEFT TOWN,  
YOUNGER SISTER, KIMBERLY,  
NOW AN ADULT CAME BACK  
A FEW YEARS AGO

YOU WANT ME TO  
GO SEE HER,  
MARY?  
WHY?  
WHAT DO YOU  
GET OUT OF ME  
PUTTING TOGETHER  
THE PIECES OF YOUR  
LIFE WHILE YOU'RE  
TAKING MINE  
APART?





LONG STORY THEY HAD COME BACK FROM SPACE AND BEEN HELD CAPTIVE POWERLESS -- IN THE ABANDONED BASE OF THEIR ARCH-ENEMY MAGNETO

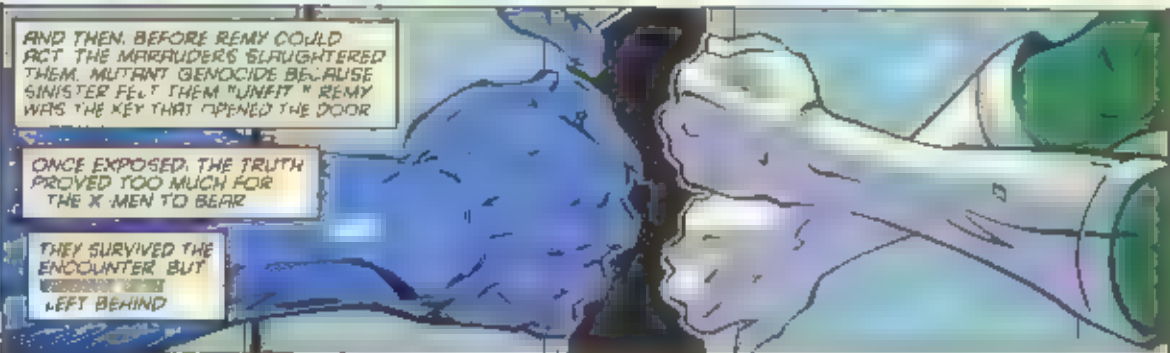
HELD CAPTIVE BY NANNY MAGNETO'S ROBOT HOUSEKEEPER



REMY WAS CONFRONTED BY HIS GREATEST SIN (ONE IN A SERIES, COLLECT 'EM ALL) --

HE HAD GATHERED A GROUP OF MILITANT TERRORISTS NAMED THE MARAUDERS FOR THEIR MUTUAL EMPLOYER, MR. SINISTER

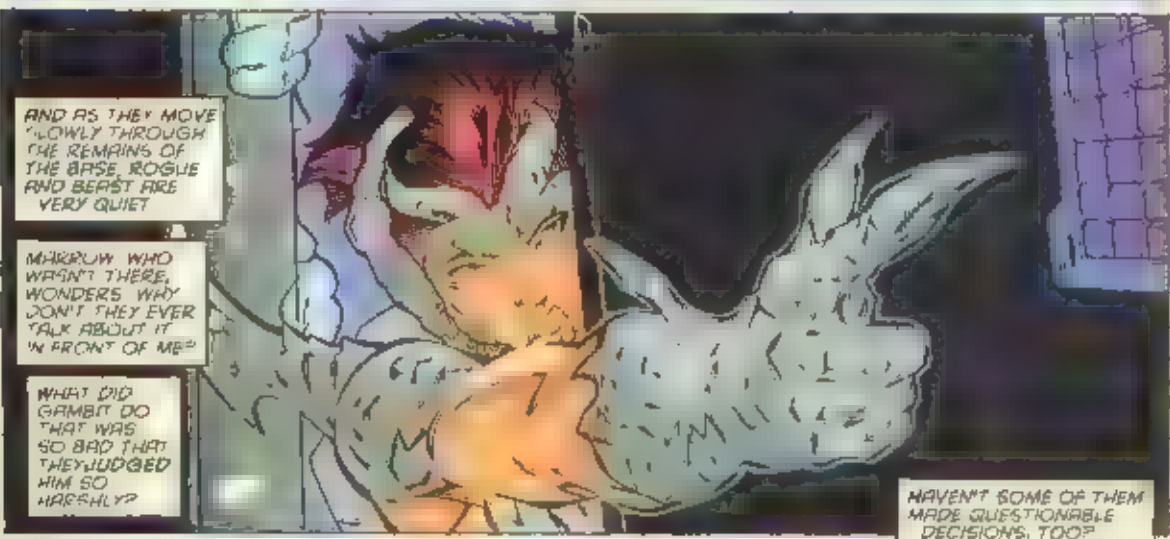
HE HAD LED THEM INTO THE SECRET TUNNELS UNDER NEW YORK CITY THAT WERE THE HOME OF THE OUTCAST MUTANTS KNOWN AS THE MORLOCKS



AND THEN, BEFORE REMY COULD ACT THE MARAUDERS SLAUGHTERED THEM, MUTANT GENOCIDE BECAUSE SINISTER FELT THEM "UNFIT" REMY WAS THE KEY THAT OPENED THE DOOR

ONCE EXPOSED, THE TRUTH PROVED TOO MUCH FOR THE X-MEN TO BEAR

THEY SURVIVED THE ENCOUNTER BUT LEFT BEHIND

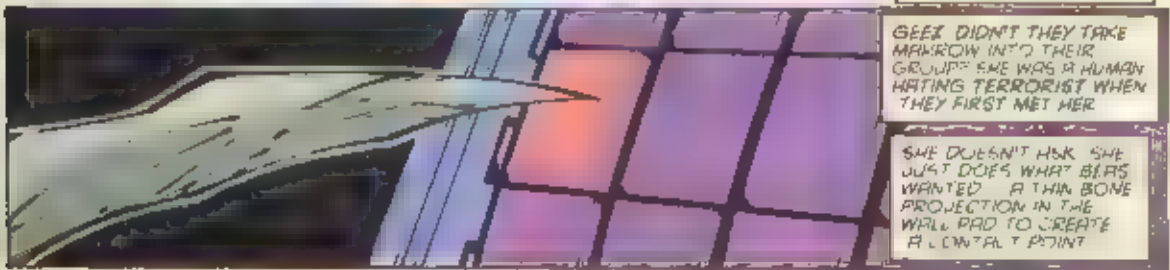


AND AS THEY MOVE SLOWLY THROUGH THE REMAINS OF THE BASE, ROGUE AND BEAST ARE VERY QUIET

MARROW WHO WASN'T THERE, WONDERS WHY DON'T THEY EVER TALK ABOUT IT IN FRONT OF ME?

WHAT DID GAMBIT DO THAT WAS SO BAD THAT THEY JUDGED HIM SO HARSHLY?

HAVEN'T SOME OF THEM MADE QUESTIONABLE DECISIONS, TOO?



GEEZ DIDN'T THEY TAKE MARROW INTO THEIR GROUP? SHE WAS A HUMAN-HATING TERRORIST WHEN THEY FIRST MET HER

SHE DOESN'T HSK SHE JUST DOES WHAT BEAST WANTED -- A THIN BONE PROJECTION IN THE WALL PAD TO CREATE A CENTRAL POINT

• THAT OPENS  
THE SEALED DOOR  
ENOUGH FOR ROGUE  
TO DRY APART

AH.  
HUM

WON'T YOU  
GUYS EVER FIGHT  
AND GUYS IN LIKE  
BERMUDA OR  
SOMETHING

YOUR RELAY FEEDS  
ARE OPERATING WELL,  
HANK. DESPITE THE  
FRIGID COLD

ALTHOUGH WE  
REMAIN IN PSYCHIC  
CONTACT, I WILL TALK  
ALoud SO MOIRA  
CAN HEAR

ARE THOSE  
FOOTPRINTS YOU  
ARE SEEING

YES FROM  
THE SOLES. THEY  
LOOK LIKE  
GAMBIT'S

THEY'RE ALL  
OVER THE PLACE.  
PROF. NO RHYME  
OR REASON  
TO 'EM

UNDERSTOOD,  
ROGUE. HANK?

WITH THE  
BASE COLLAPSED  
ON THEM FINDING  
THE CORE OF THE  
COMPLEX WOULD  
BE DIFFICULT BUT BY  
FOLLOWING REMY'S  
TRACKS

WE'D GO  
EVERYWHERE  
HE WAS?

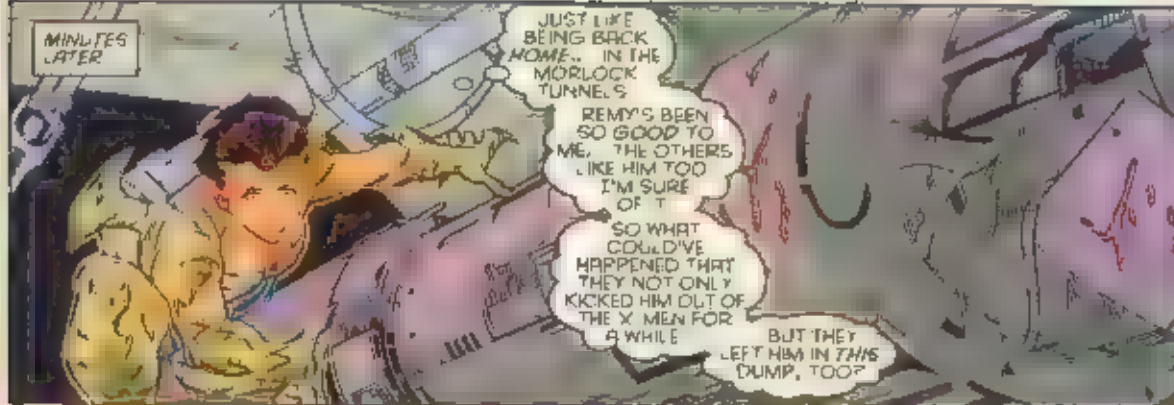
INCLUDIN  
WHEREVER THE  
GREEN GHOST  
WAS

WE GOTTA  
SPLIT UP. PROF.  
THE TRACKS GO  
IN DIFFERENT  
DIRECTIONS

UNDERSTOOD. JUST  
BE CAREFUL

BESIDES THE  
INSTABILITY OF  
THE RUINS. WE DON'T  
KNOW WHAT OTHER  
SURPRISES MIGHT  
HAVE BEEN LEFT  
BEHIND AS  
WELL...





MINUTES LATER

JUST LIKE BEING BACK HOME... IN THE MORLOCK TUNNELS.

REMY'S BEEN SO GOOD TO ME, THE OTHERS LIKE HIM TOO I'M SURE OF IT.

SO WHAT COULD'VE HAPPENED THAT THEY NOT ONLY KICKED HIM OUT OF THE X-MEN FOR A WHILE

BUT THEY LEFT HIM IN THIS DUMP, TOO?



HE LEFT STAINS EVERYWHERE.

REALLY BARRAH?

A BIG, SHOT-HAIRY SCIENTIST MIGHT NOT SEE THEM BUT A TUNNEL-RAT LIKE ME COULD.

PANEL'S PRIED OPEN WITH HIS FINGERTIPS.

FINGERS?

OBSERVATIONS?



DRIED BLOOD ON THE METAL WIRES CHEWED UP.

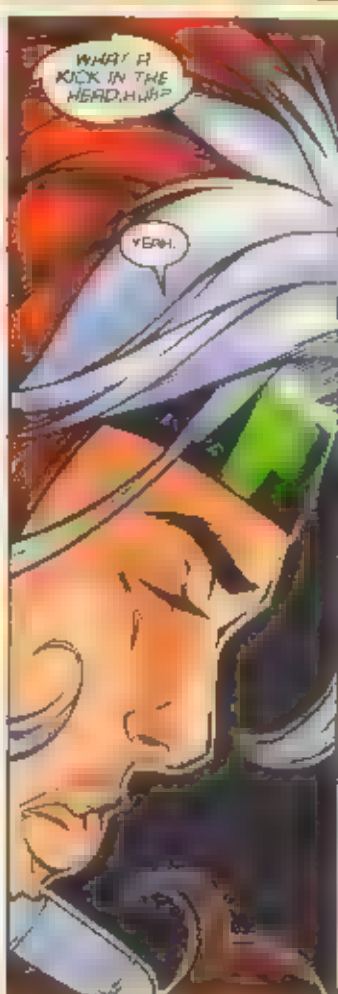
WAS HE TRYING TO SPLICE THE WIRES FOR POWER?

OR CHEWING THE PLASTIC COVERS FOR FOOD.

OH.

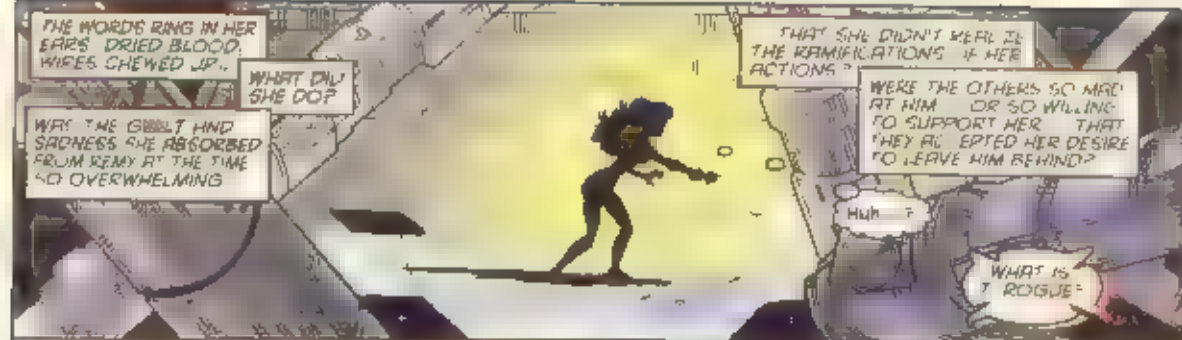


WELCOME TO THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF SURVIVAL, ENJOY.



WHAT A KICK IN THE HEAD, HUH?

YEAH.



THE WORDS RING IN HER EARS DRIED BLOOD, WIFES CHEWED UP..

WHAT DID SHE DO?

WAS THE GUILT AND SADNESS SHE ABSORBED FROM REMY AT THE TIME SO OVERWHELMING

THAT SHE DIDN'T REALIZE THE RAMIFICATIONS OF HER ACTIONS?

WERE THE OTHERS SO MAD AT HIM OR SO WILLING TO SUPPORT HER THAT THEY ACCEPTED HER DESIRE TO LEAVE HIM BEHIND?

HUM?

WHAT IS T ROUSIE?



LITTLE MORE SUBTLE, PROFESSOR?

I AM SORRY BUT

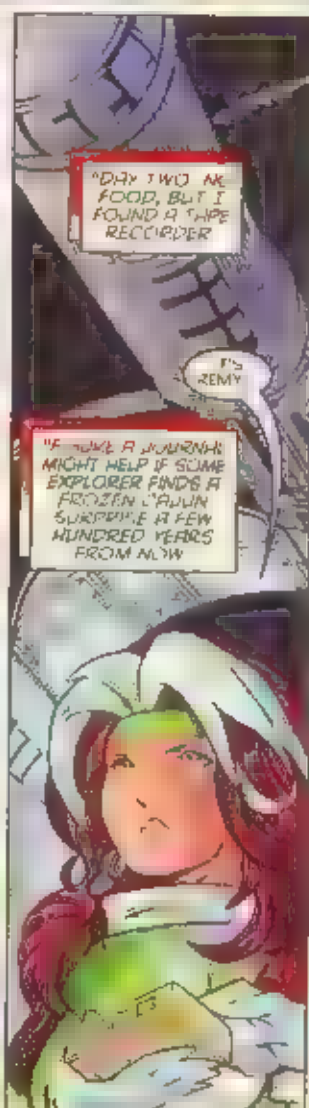


S'OKAY I'M ON EDGE EMOTIONALLY. DON'T WANT THE OTHERS TO BE BOTHERED WITH IT

IT'S A TAPE RECORDER BATTERIES'RE DEAD, BUT THERE'S A TAPE INSIDE

HOLD ON, I CAN USE SOME OF THE BATTERIES IN MY FIELD GEAR

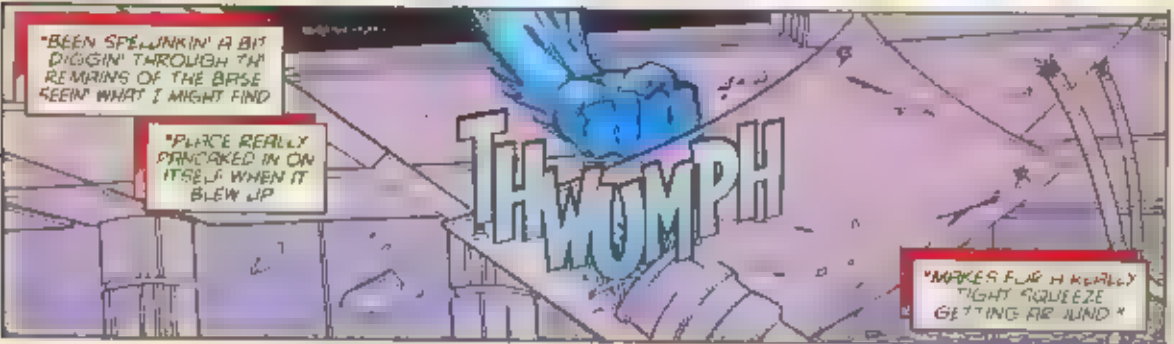
CLIK



"DAY TWO AK FOOD, BUT I FOUND A TAPE RECORDER

IT'S REMY

"IF SOME A JOURNAL MIGHT HELP IF SOME EXPLORER FINDS A FROZEN JAJUN SURVIVE A FEW HUNDRED YEARS FROM NOW



"BEEN SPELUNKIN' A BIT DIGGIN' THROUGH THE REMAINS OF THE BASE SEEN WHAT I MIGHT FIND

"PLACE REALLY PANICED IN ON ITSELF WHEN IT BLEW UP

THWOMPH

"MAKES FLUR H KEARLY TIGHT SQUEEZE GETTING AIR JUND"





YOU'RE  
TELL'NG  
ME MISHEL  
LOBEAL.

"ON THE PLUS  
SIDE THERE'S NO  
FOOD SO I'M  
LOSIN' ENOUGH  
WEIGHT TO SLINK  
AROUND IN NO  
TIME AT ALL

IS THIS  
REALLY  
NECESSARY?



UNFORTUNATELY,  
HANK, YES  
REMY'S  
JOURNAL  
SHOULD GIVE  
US SOME CLUES  
ABOUT WHAT  
HAPPENED.

"DRY FLAIR  
COULD NEVER  
BEEN COLDER

I KNOW,  
DEAR DOCTOR I  
JUST FEEL LIKE I'M  
ON A PARTICULARLY  
SORDID EPISODE  
OF "FORGIVE OR  
FORGET"

HULLO! I'M  
SCOTS THE  
REFERENCE IS  
LOST ON  
ME

NEVER  
MIND,  
MOIRA

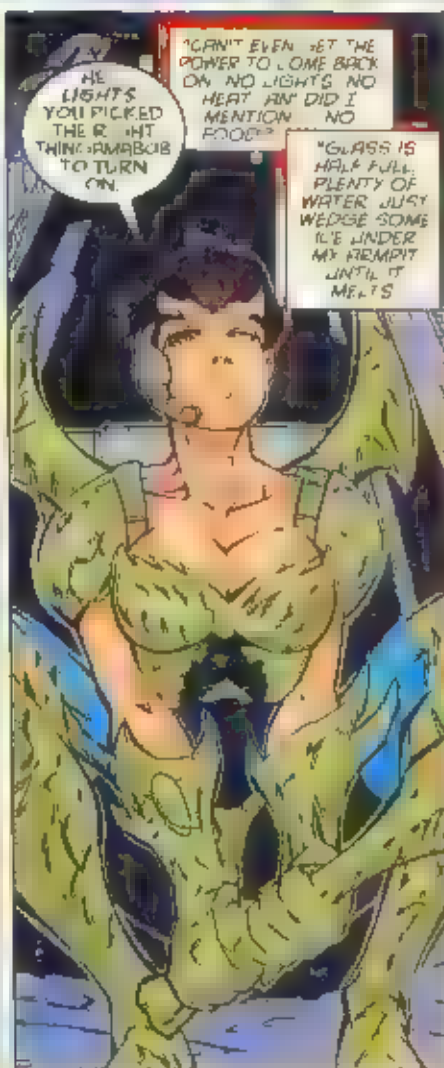


"LOUISIANA BAYOU  
BOY CHILLIN' IN  
TH' ANTARCTIC  
GO FIGURE

THESE  
ARE THE  
REMAINS OF  
A DIAGNOSTIC  
ARRAY

IF THE  
TERMINAL  
CHIPS AREN'T  
FROZEN, A  
NEW BATTERY  
PACK SHOULD  
START IT  
UP

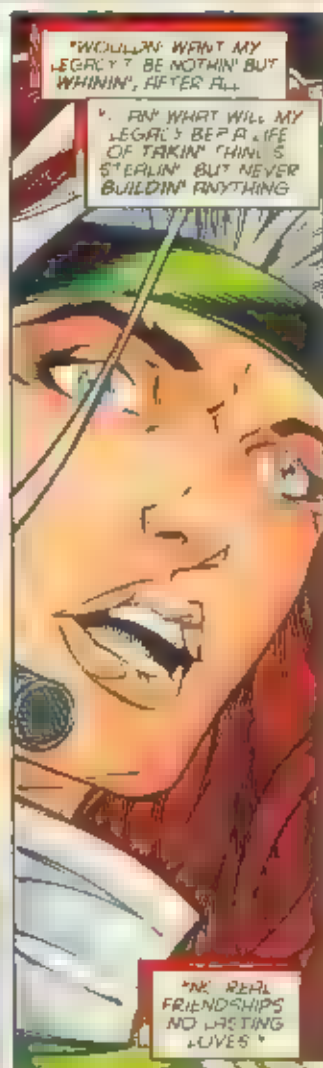
"AN" WHOSE FAULT IS IT  
YOU'RE IN THIS MESS?  
YOUR OWN AN' YOU  
KNOW IT



HE  
LIGHTS  
YOU PICKED  
THE RIGHT  
THING-AMABUB  
TO TURN  
ON

"CAN'T EVEN GET THE  
POWER TO COME BACK  
ON. NO LIGHTS NO  
HEAT AN' DID I  
MENTION NO  
FOOD?"

"GLASS IS  
HALF FULL  
PLENTY OF  
WATER JUST  
WEDGE SOME  
ICE UNDER  
MY HEMPTIT  
UNTIL IT  
MELTS



"WOULDN' WANT MY  
LEGACY 7 BE NOTHIN' BUT  
WHININ', AFTER ALL

"AN" WHAT WILL MY  
LEGACY 7 BE A LIFE  
OF TAKIN' THIN'S  
STERLIN' BUT NEVER  
BUILDIN' ANYTHING

"THE REAL  
FRIENDSHIPS  
NO LASTING  
LOVES"

"AND 'FAMILY' MEANT 'FAMILY'  
THAT DIDN' BETRAY ME  
I ENDED UP BETRAYIN'

"NO CHANCE I'LL TELL THEM NOW  
SORRY I AM NO GUTS I'LL TELL  
THEM WHEN I HAD THE CHANCE

"WUT'S ME, I REALLY  
HATE THE MOROSE  
SAMMY. LET HIM DIE  
HERE FIGURATIVELY  
IF NOT LITERALLY

"DINNER TIME  
LET'S SCROUNGE  
FOR PLASTIC  
SHAVINGS AN'  
SEAT COVERS!"

HANK... JIM.  
THE SYSTEM  
DIAGNOSTIC  
PLEASEP

BEING DOWNLOADED NOW  
YOU SHOULD BE GETTING  
THE FEED AS I DO

FIRST UP IS A  
VIDEO DATA LOG  
FROM SECURITY  
CAMERA.

MAGNETO AND HIS  
ROBOT SERVANT,  
FERRIS?

ODD. I THOUGHT HE HAD  
ABANDONED THIS BASE  
TO NANNY AND ERIC  
THE REDP

NO AUDIO  
FEED, BUT LUCKY  
FOR YOU, I CAN  
READ LIPS.

HE'S ASKING  
FOR TWO BIG  
MACS, LARGE  
FRIES

JUST  
KIDDING

HE'S SAYING  
THAT IN LIGHT OF  
OPERATION, ZERO  
TOLERANCE...

THE TIME TO  
FURTHER FRACTURE  
AND DIVIDE THE X-MEN  
IS NOW

AND THAT THE  
DISCOVERY OF THIS  
NEW ENERGY MUTANT IS  
A CLEAR INDICATION  
OF THEIR NEED

TO  
IMPROVE  
THEIR ABILITY  
TO IDENTIFY  
AND LOCATE  
MUTANTS

CHARLES? HOW LONG  
HAD MAGNUS BEEN  
PLANNING HIS RECENT  
MANEUVERS?

IT DOESN'T  
MATTER MOIRA  
LOOK AT THE  
ENERGY IN THAT  
CONFINEMENT  
UNIT

I SEE IT AT  
LEAST WE KNOW  
WHAT IF NOT WHO  
REMY'S LITTLE  
FRIEND IS.



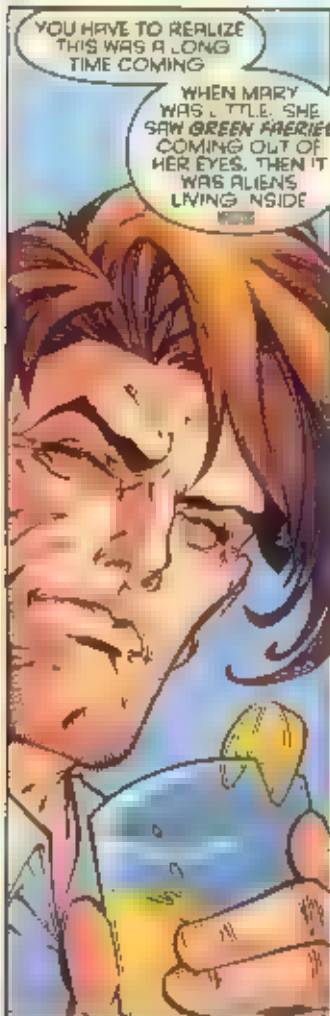


THE HOME OF KIM PURCELL, OUTSIDE MANHATTAN

SHE TRIED TO EXPLAIN IT TO THEM ALL -- THAT THERE WAS SOMETHING DIFFERENT ABOUT HER

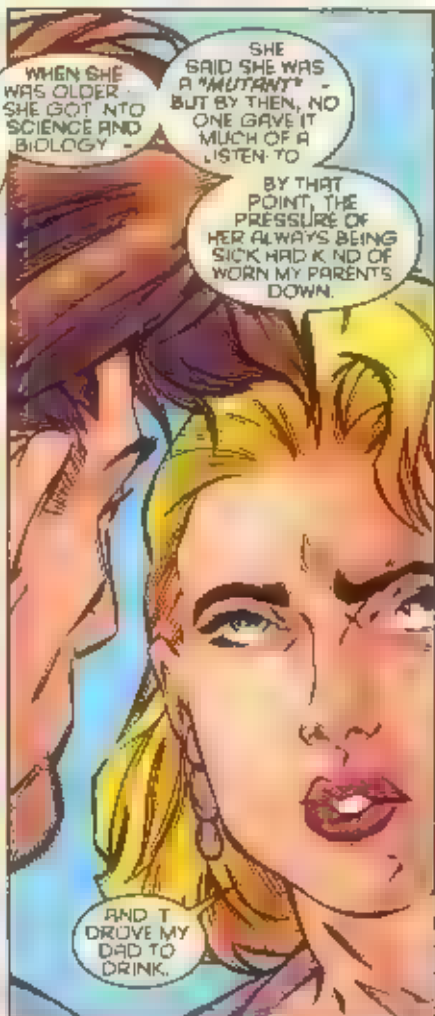
SO REGULAR DOCTORS TRIED TO COME UP WITH REGULAR SOLUTIONS?

NO ONE THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE SOMETHING OUT OF THE ORDINARY?



YOU HAVE TO REALIZE THIS WAS A LONG TIME COMING

WHEN MARY WAS LITTLE, SHE SAW GREEN FAERIES COMING OUT OF HER EYES. THEN IT WAS ALIENS LIVING INSIDE



WHEN SHE WAS OLDER SHE GOT INTO SCIENCE AND BIOLOGY

SHE SAID SHE WAS A "MUTANT" - BUT BY THEN, NO ONE GAVE IT MUCH OF A LISTEN TO

BY THAT POINT, THE PRESSURE OF HER ALWAYS BEING SICK HAD KIND OF WORN MY PARENTS DOWN.

AND I DROVE MY DAD TO DRINK.



FUNNY FOR SO LONG, I BLAMED MARY FOR THAT

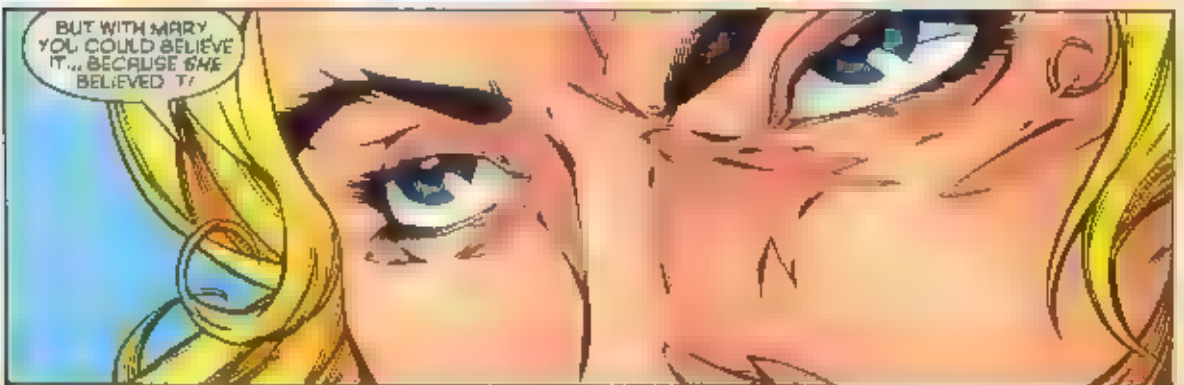
FOR HAVING BEEN SUCH A BURDEN AND IT HURT SO MUCH

BECAUSE I LOVED HER, TOO SHE WAS SO... SMART "SO HONEST"

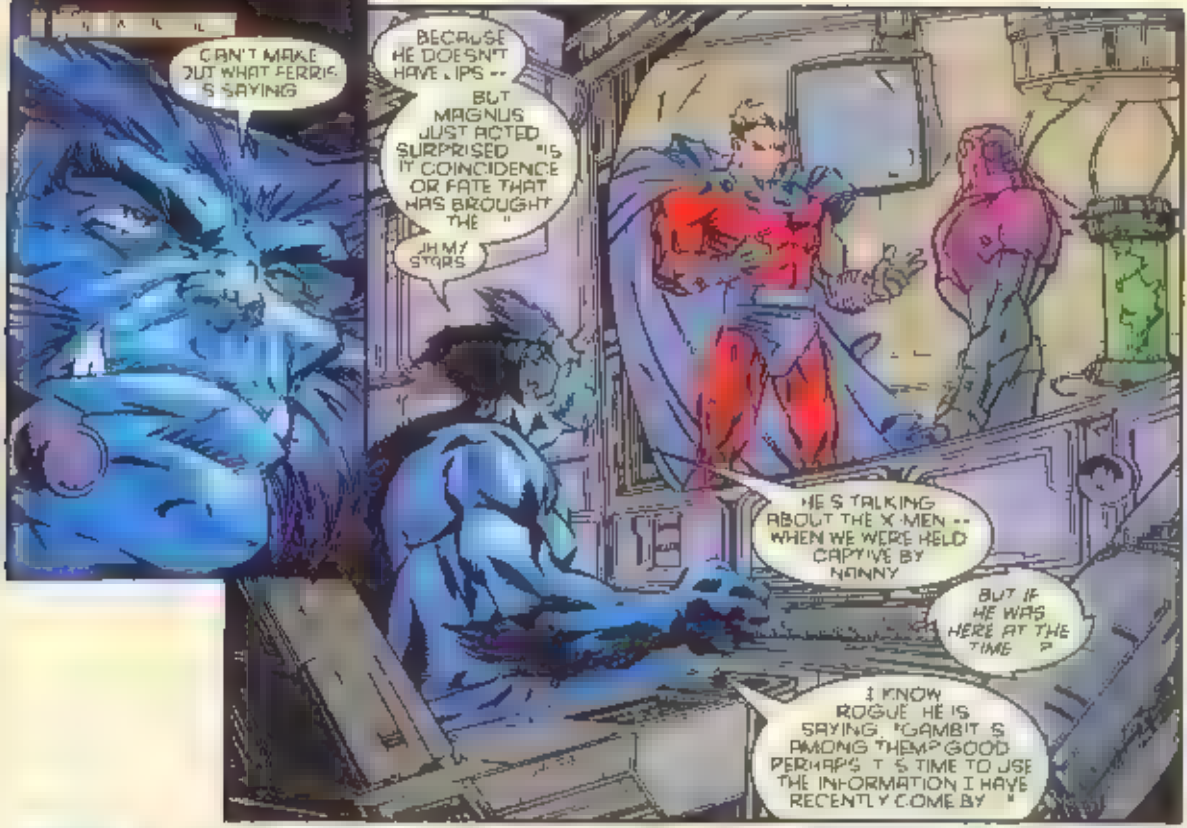
AT WORST SHE SAID THERE HAD TO BE A REASON FOR HER PAIN.

THAT SOMEDAY, IT WOULD ALL MAKE SENSE AND WHAT SHE WAS GOING THROUGH - MAYBE IT WOULD CHANGE THE WORLD.

YOU COULD SAY IT WAS JUST A SICK PERSON TRYING TO PUT SOME LEVEL OF IMPORTANCE ON THEIR OWN LIVES



BUT WITH MARY YOU COULD BELIEVE IT... BECAUSE SHE BELIEVED IT!



CAN'T MAKE  
OUT WHAT FERRIS  
S SAYS

BECAUSE  
HE DOESN'T  
HAVE LIPS --  
BUT  
MAGNUS  
JUST ACTED  
SURPRISED "IS  
IT COINCIDENCE  
OR FATE THAT  
HAS BROUGHT  
THE "  
OH MY  
STARS

HE'S TALKING  
ABOUT THE X-MEN --  
WHEN WE WERE HELD  
CAPTIVE BY  
NANNY

BUT IF  
HE WAS  
HERE AT THE  
TIME ?

I KNOW  
ROGUE HE IS  
SAYING "GAMBIT S  
AMONG THEM? GOOD  
PERHAPS T S TIME TO USE  
THE INFORMATION I HAVE  
RECENTLY COME BY



WHAT IS  
HE GRABBING  
WITH HIS MAGNETIC  
POWERS?

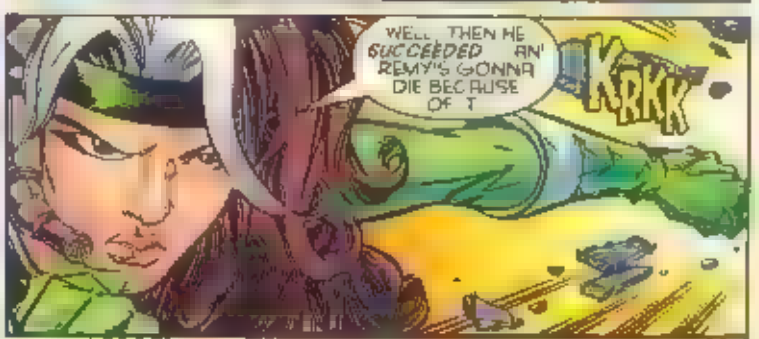
IT LOOKS  
LIKE A HELMET,  
CHARLES --

THE  
HELMET  
OF ERIK THE  
RED?



YOU MEAN  
IT WAS MAGNUS  
IMPERSONATING  
ERIK DURING REMY'S  
TRIAL?

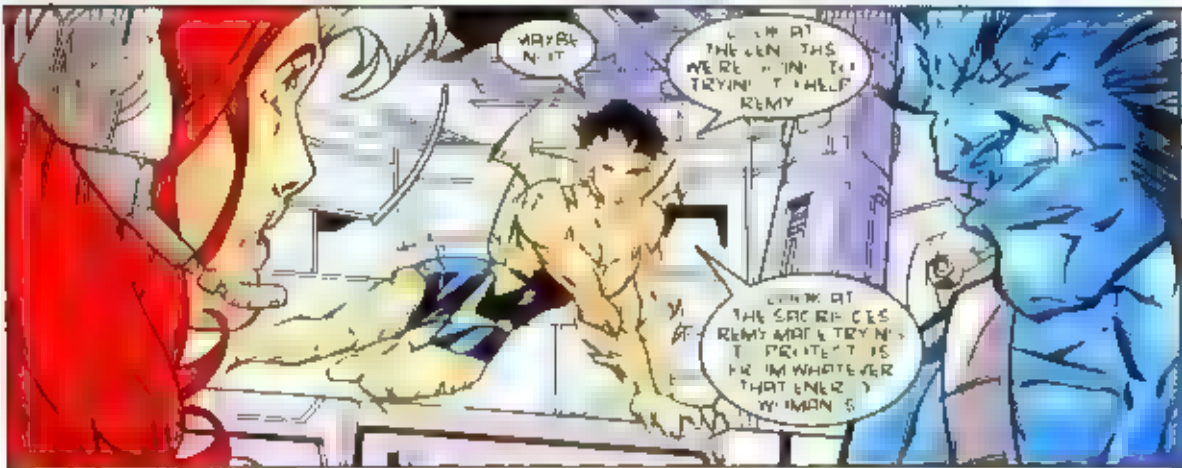
IN ORDER TO  
DISTRACT US SO  
MUCH AS TO DRAW  
OUR ENERGY AND  
ATTENTION AWAY  
FROM HIS RETURN.

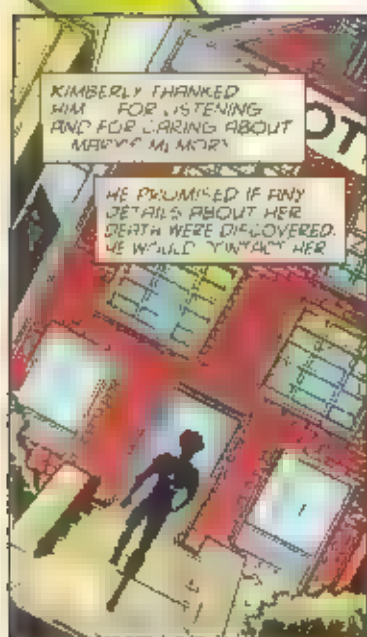


WELL, THEN HE  
SUCCEEDED AND  
REMY'S GONNA  
DIE BECAUSE  
OF T

KRRKK







KIMBERLY THANKED HIM FOR LISTENING AND FOR CARING ABOUT MARY'S MOTHER.

HE PROMISED IF ANY DETAILS ABOUT HER DEATH WERE DISCOVERED, HE WOULD CONTACT HER.



SOMETIMES, THE BEST PART ABOUT BEING A THIEF IS THE ABILITY TO LIVE A LIE.

IT'S ALSO THE WORST PART.

NOW THAT I KNOW YOU, WHAT YOU WENT THROUGH



TELL ME WHAT IT IS YOU WANT MARY?

TO BE ACKNOWLEDGED, REMY.



THEN HE IS ELSEWHERE INSIDE HIS OWN MIND?

YES, BECAUSE HER VERY BEING HAS BECOME SO ENTWINED WITH HIS NOW, THE ONLY PLACE THEY CAN CO-EXIST IS ON THE PSYCHIC PLANE.

I WANT FOR ALL THE WORLD TO KNOW WHO I AM AND WHAT I WENT THROUGH.

I WANT THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE MY VERY EXISTENCE A WORTHWHILE THING.

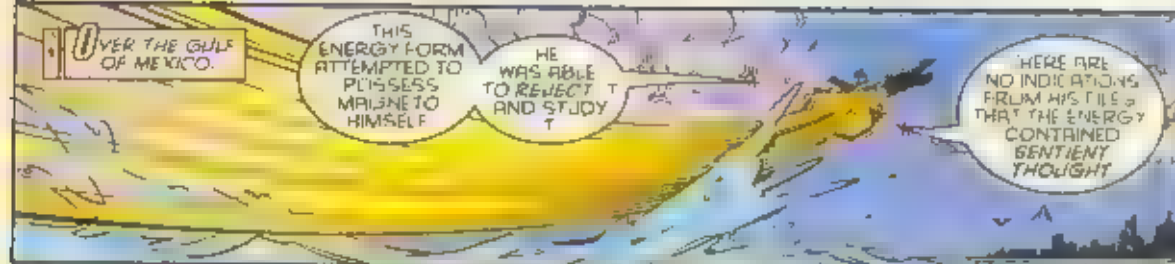
BUT I NEED YOUR HELP TO DO THAT.

AND THAT'LL INVOLVE EXACTLY WHAT?

THE CULMINATION OF WHAT STARTED THE MOMENT I ENTERED YOUR BODY --

THE CREATION OF SOMETHING WONDERFUL -- SOMETHING DIFFERENT -- A WHOLE NEW FORM OF LIFE!



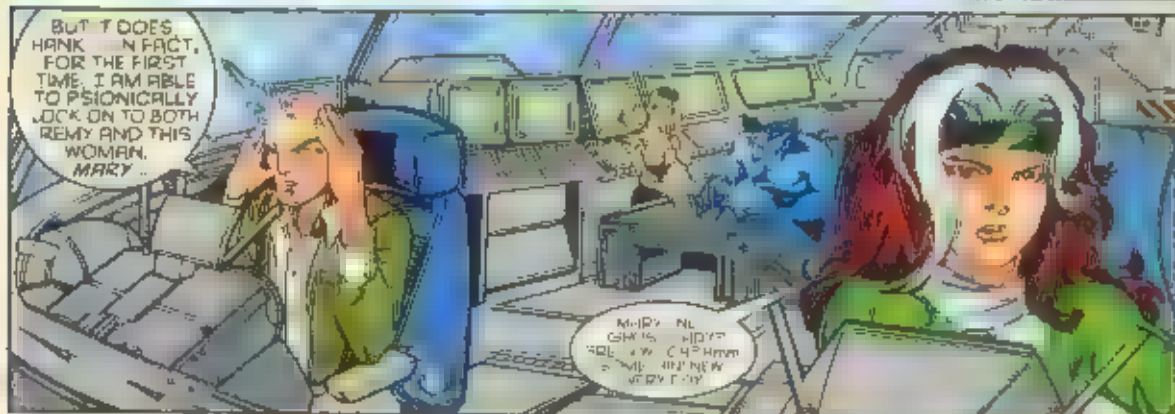


OVER THE GULF OF MEXICO.

THIS ENERGY FORM ATTEMPTED TO PLISSASS MAINE TO HIMSELF

HE WAS ABLE TO REJECT AND STUJY T

HERE ARE NO INDICATIONS FROM HIS FILE THAT THE ENERGY CONTAINED SENTIENT THOUGHT



BUT T DOES, IN FACT, FOR THE FIRST TIME, I AM ABLE TO PSIONICALLY LOCK ON TO BOTH REMY AND THIS WOMAN, MARY...

MARY: NO, THIS HIDEY-HOLE ISN'T A CHANCE TO ME AN' NEW VERY EASY

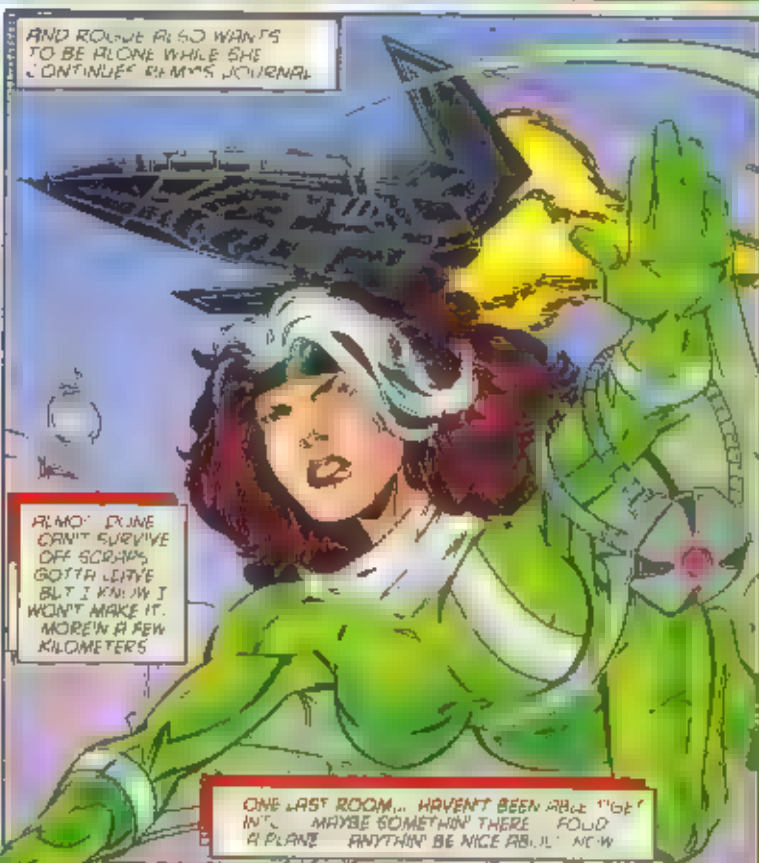


I'VE ADAPTED THE CONTAINMENT UNIT USED BY MAGNETO

T WILL SERVE TO ISOLATE AND ENTRAP THE BANDWIDTH SPECTRUM ALONG WHICH -- JIM, MARY -- EXISTS.

I'M GOIN' AHEAD THEN, I CAN FLY FASTER'N THE JET

AND ROUGE ALSO WANTS TO BE ALONE WHILE SHE CONTINUES REMY'S JOURNAL



ALMO' DUNE CAN'T SURVIVE OFF SCRAP, GOTTA LEAVE BUT I KNOW I WON'T MAKE IT. MORE'N A FEW KILOMETERS

ONE LAST ROOM... HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE 'GET' IN'. MAYBE SOMETHIN' THERE FOLD A PLANE ANYTHIN' BE NICE ABIL' NEW



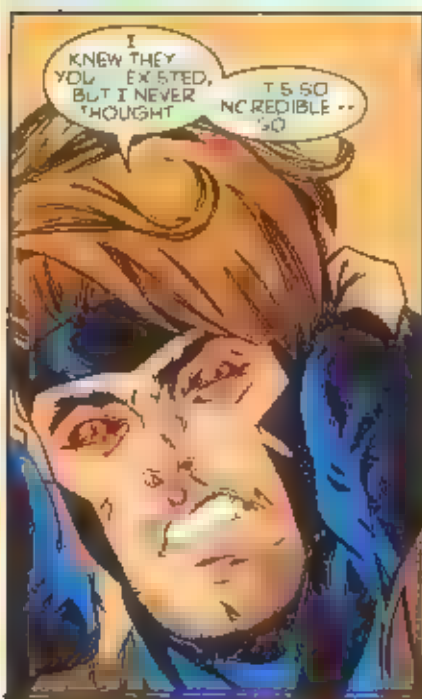
MAKE A DEAL WIT TH'DEVIL HIMSELF AT THIS POINT

WHEN I FOUND YOU, WE DIDN' REALLY MAKE NO "DEAL" --

RECALL YOU DIDN'T SAY NOTHIN' AT ALL - I ALIN' EVEN KNOW WHAT WAS A WAT UNTIL YOU P. DAVE AT OF ME IN THIS VALL' LAND

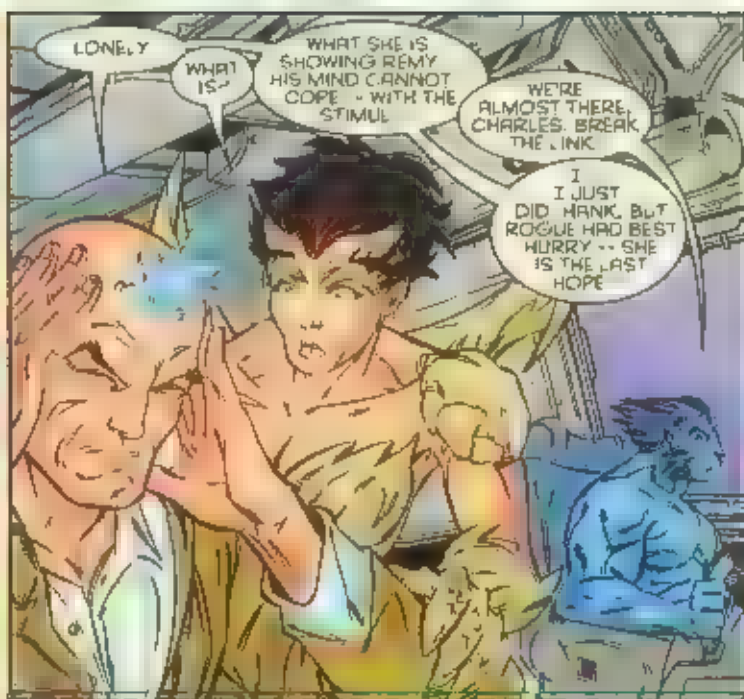






I KNEW THEY  
YOU EXPECTED,  
BUT I NEVER  
THOUGHT

IT'S SO  
INCREDIBLE --  
SO



LONELY

WHAT  
IS--

WHAT SHE IS  
SHOWING REMY  
HIS MIND CANNOT  
COPE -- WITH THE  
STIMUL

WE'RE  
ALMOST THERE,  
CHARLES. BREAK  
THE LINK

I  
JUST  
DID HANK, BUT  
ROGUE HAD BEST  
HURRY -- SHE  
IS THE LAST  
HOPE



" TO SAVE REMY  
FROM CORPOREAL  
DISSOLUTION "

WHAT DO  
YOU WANT TO  
GIVE UP MY LIFE  
FOR OUR  
"BABY"?!

IT'S  
MORE THAN  
YOUR LIFE NOW  
REMY IT'S  
OUR LIFE

AND YES,  
THAT IS EXACTLY  
WHAT I  
EXPECT

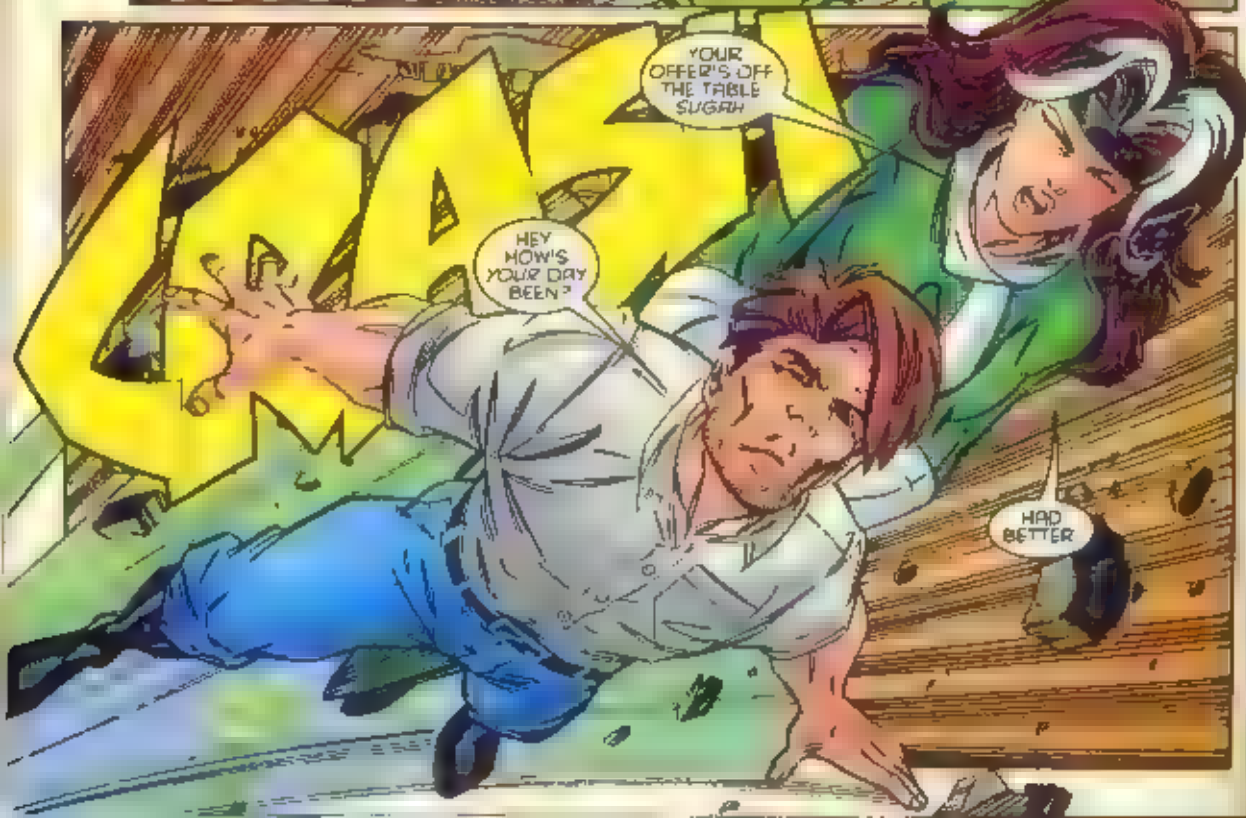
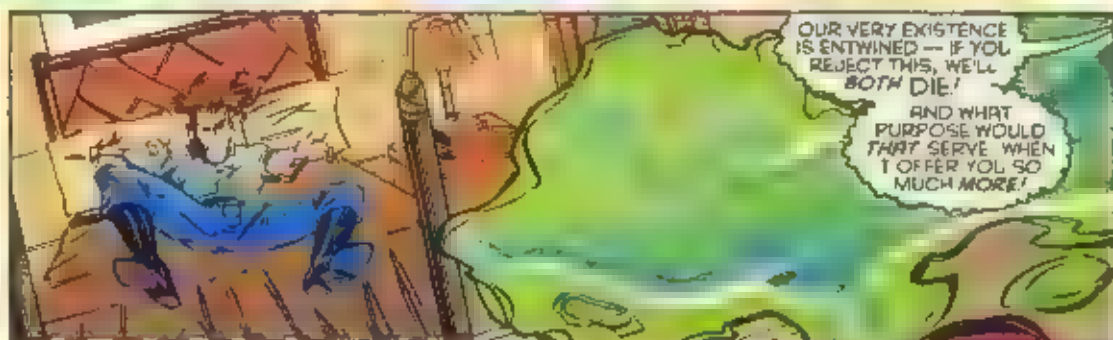
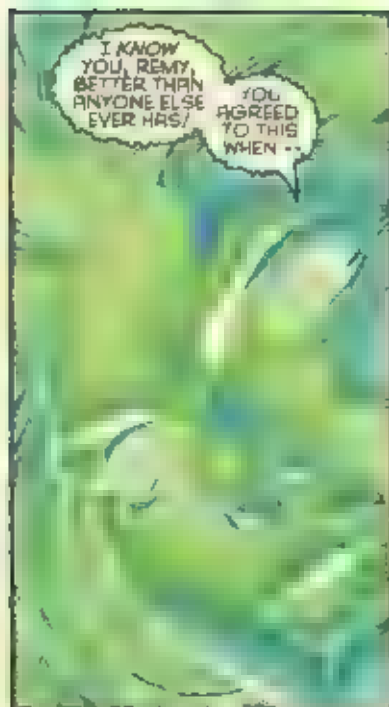


TOGETHER  
WE HAVE AN  
UNPRECEDENTED  
OPPORTUNITY  
TO CREATE A  
HYBRID  
BEING --

A CHILD THAT  
CAN CHANGE THE  
COURSE OF HUMAN  
CIVILIZATION.



BUT AT  
THE COST OF  
BOTH OUR  
LIVES!







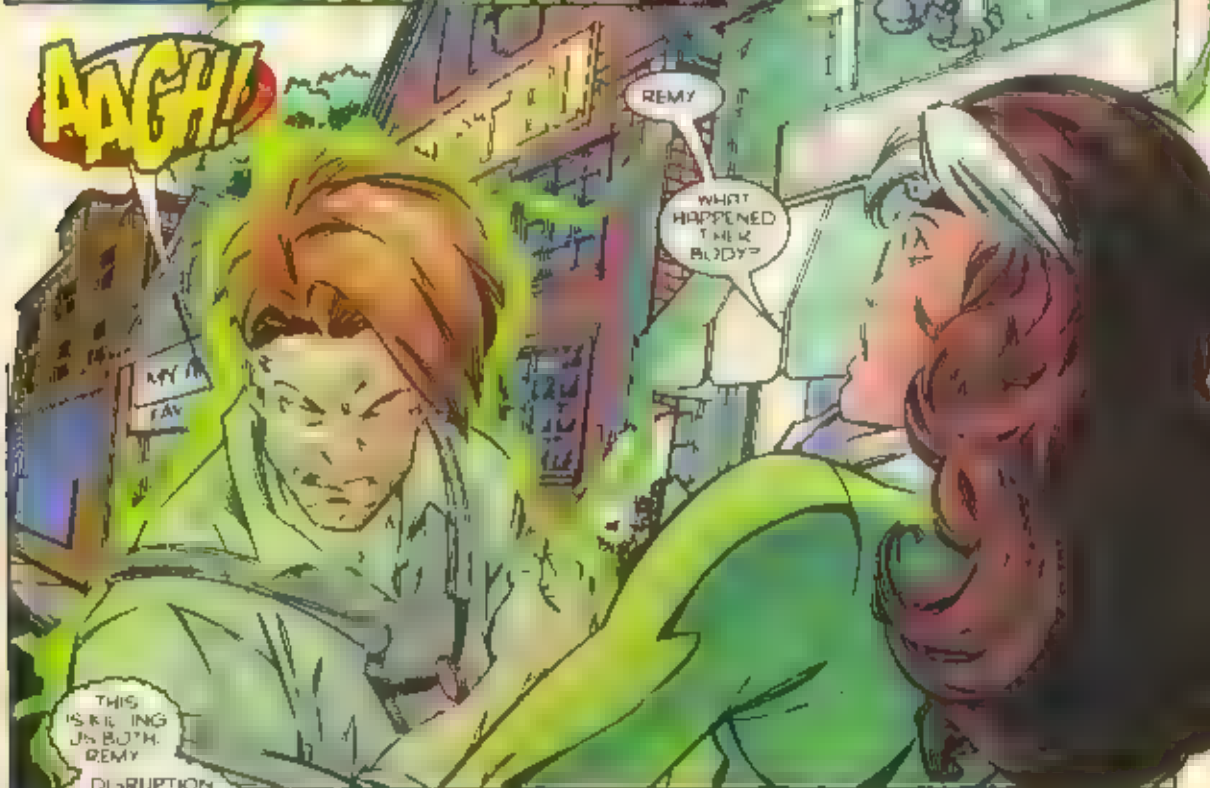
OK, A  
YEA

I'LL  
SEPARATE THE  
HORN FROM  
FROM YOUR  
BODY



**SHOCK**

UHM,  
THAT MIGHT  
NOT BE SUCH  
A GOOD  
IDEA



**AAGH!**

REMY

WHAT  
HAPPENED  
TALK  
BUDDY?

THIS  
IS KILLING  
US BOTH.  
REMY

DISRUPTION  
HUG'S I CAN  
BARELY JACK  
ON TO YOU  
HELP ME

I WANT US TO  
ACHIEVE SOMETHING  
MEANINGFUL

LIFE WAS  
TAKEN FROM  
ME AND ALL  
YOU'VE DONE IS  
TAKE FROM  
ME



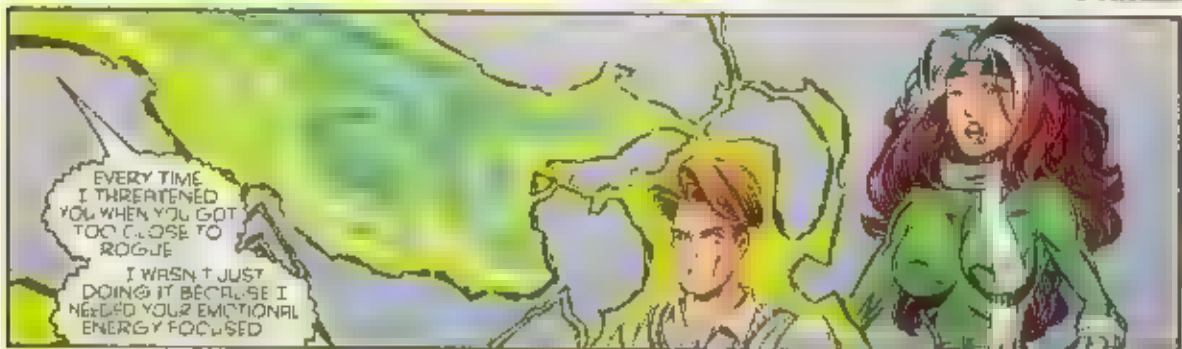


I KNOW  
YOU, REMY --  
AND HOW MUCH  
THE X-MEN MEAN  
TO YOU.

BUT WE  
BOTH KNOW IT'S  
NOT ENOUGH  
FOR YOU.

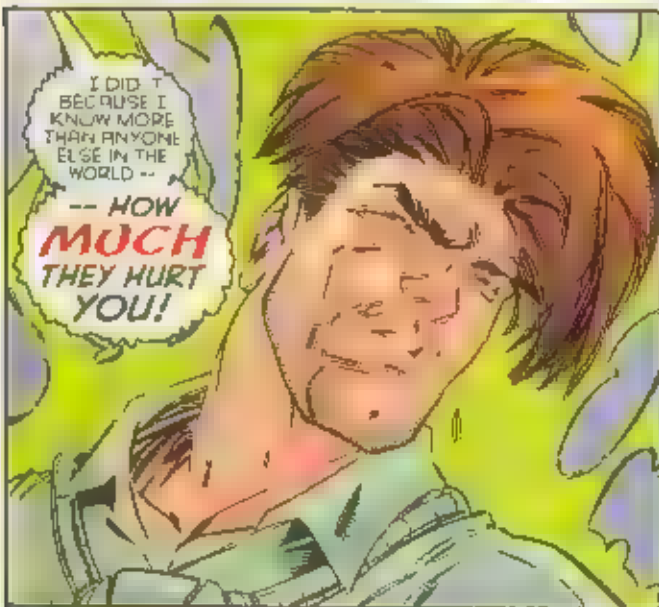
THIS IS YOUR  
CHANCE TO GIVE  
SOMETHING  
BACK!

THEY DON'T  
NEED YOU LIKE I DO.  
THEY ABANDONED YOU.



EVERY TIME  
I THREATENED  
YOU WHEN YOU GOT  
TOO CLOSE TO  
ROGUE.

I WASN'T JUST  
DOING IT BECAUSE I  
NEEDED YOUR EMOTIONAL  
ENERGY FOCUSED



I DID IT  
BECAUSE I  
KNOW MORE  
THAN ANYONE  
ELSE IN THE  
WORLD --

-- HOW  
**MUCH**  
THEY HURT  
YOU!



PLEASE I  
DON'T HAVE MUCH  
LONGER.











Muir Island,  
Hours Later...

Clean  
Bill  
O'Health.

ALTHOUGH  
REMY'S BIO-  
SIGNATURE SHOWS  
THE EFFECTS OF THE  
TURMOIL HE WENT  
THROUGH --  
-- THERE  
IS NO TRACE  
OF THE BANDWIDTH  
SPECTRUM THAT  
PURCELL EXISTED  
ON.

THE  
DEGREE OF  
CHANGE IN REMY  
IS THE EQUIVALENT  
OF A NEW  
HAIRSTYLE.

WHAT  
CONCERNS ME  
IS HOW MS. PURCELL  
COULD HAVE BEEN SO  
UTTERLY DISAPPEARED  
WHEN REMY DESTROYED  
THE CONTAINMENT  
CHAMBER --

-- SO AS  
TO NOT EVEN  
REGISTER A BLIP  
ON A WHOLESALE  
ATMOSPHERIC  
SCAN?P

THERE  
IS STILL SO  
LITTLE WE KNOW  
ABOUT SUCH  
MUTATIONS,  
HANK.

HER ENERGY  
FORM WAS ALREADY  
SEVERELY COMPROMISED  
FROM THE STRAIN OF HER  
ATTEMPTED BIOGENETIC  
EVOLUTION.

IN  
ENGLISH, I  
TRIED TO SAVE  
HER AN' I ENDED  
UP KILLIN'  
HER!

SHE  
WOULD HAVE  
"DIED" -- IF YOU  
COULD EVEN CALL IT  
THAT -- REGARDLESS  
OF YOUR ACTIONS,  
REMY.

SHE COULD NO LONGER MAINTAIN  
COHESION AS A SENTIENT  
ENERGY FORM.

THAT IS WHY  
SHE TRIED TO TAKE  
MAGNETO AS A  
HOST, THEN  
YOU.

Haha, I KNOW  
YOU WERE ABLE  
T'LINK WITH ME,  
PROF --  
AN' HER --

-- WHAT DO YOU  
THINK ABOUT WHAT  
SHE WANTED  
T'DO?

IT WOULD  
HAVE BEEN AN...  
**INTRIGUING...**  
PROPOSITION --  
BUT ONE SHE HAD  
NO RIGHT  
IMPOSING  
ON YOU.

'COURSE  
NOT... AFTER ALL,  
SAVIN' SOMEONE'S  
LIFE DOESN' GIVE  
YOU A **CLEAN SLATE**  
THURT ANYONE  
ELSE.

NO ONE  
KNOW ABOUT  
THE PRICE OF  
HELPIN' AN' THE  
COST OF HURTIN'  
MORE'N ME,  
RIGHT?





